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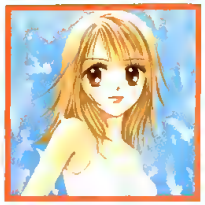
ランダム・ウォーク①

高校に入学して新鮮な毎日を送っている優架。でもひとつだけ足りないものが…。それはステキな彼氏。そんな時、偶然出会った望くんに一目ボレして……。

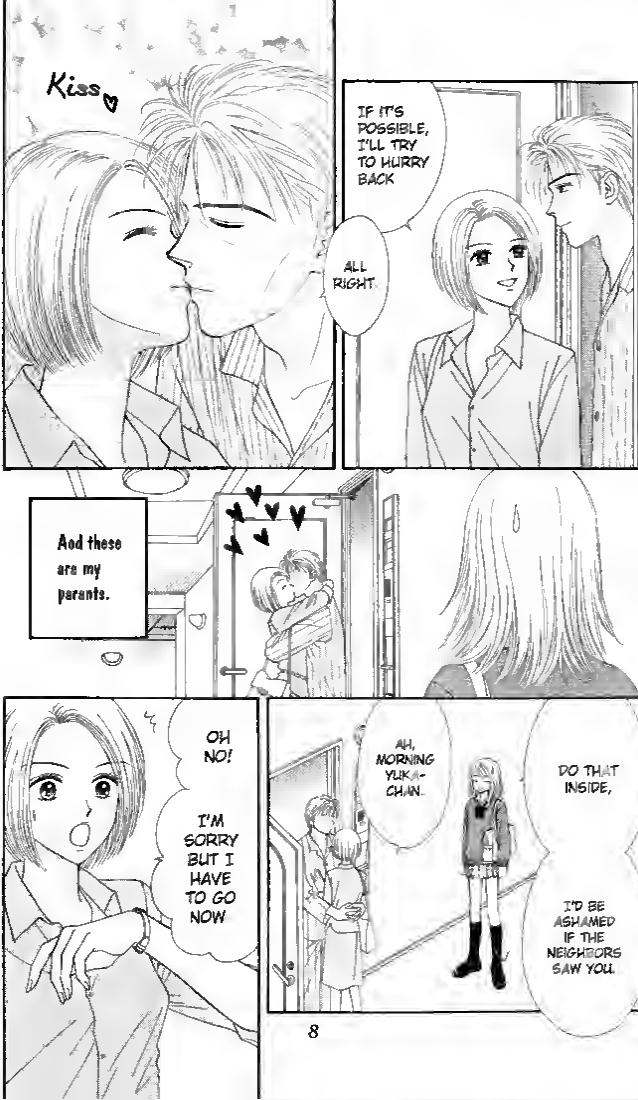


作者のことば

「女の子が主人公のお話は『ママレード・ボーイ』以来久しぶり。楽しく描いています」と語ってくれた吉住渉先生。優架のパパは売れっこ作家。そんなパパの口ぐせは〝いい恋愛をしていい女になれ！〟。その教え通りステキな恋愛をいっぱいしようと思っている優架の青春ラブ・ライフ。

ラブ・ウォーク
ACT.1

SCRRTCH
This is the apartment complex where I live.
I started living by myself the same time I entered High School.
SCRRTCH
WELL, I'M LEAVING
SCRRTCH SCRRTCH
Why...


Kiss♥
IF IT'S POSSIBLE, I'LL TRY TO HURRY BACK
ALL RIGHT.
And these are my parents.
OH NO!
I'M SORRY BUT I HAVE TO GO NOW
AH, MORNING YUKA-CHAN.
DO THAT INSIDE,
I'D BE ASHAMED IF THE NEIGHBORS SAW YOU.

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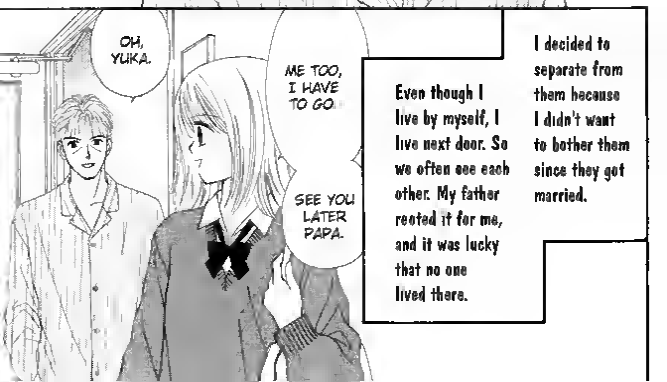
My dad, Akimitsu Kunitomo is all right. He's a popular mystery novelist.
He just remarried a magazine editor, Yooko-mama.
DAD, YOU'RE ALSO UP EARLY
I WAS WORKING UNTIL A LITTLE WHILE AGO,
NOW I'M GOING TO SLEEP
OKAY


OH, YUKA.
ME TOO, I HAVE TO GO.
SEE YOU LATER PAPA.
Even though I live by myself, I live next door. So we often see each other. My father rented it for me, and it was lucky that no one lived there.
I decided to separate from them because I didn't want to bother them since they got married.

Ever since I was little, my dad has always told me that.

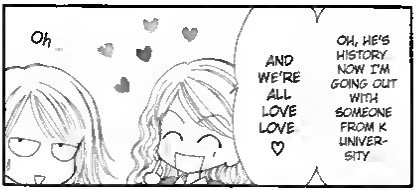
Following his advice, I'm hoping I can experience ....

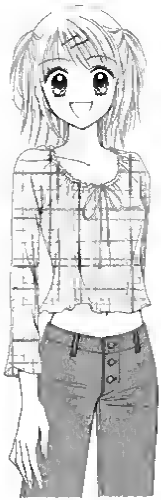
Many loves ...

However, that is difficult ...
WHAT!?
YOU BROKE UP WITH TSUTSUI-KUN?
YEAH.
I DIDN'T KNOW! WHEN?
JUST BEFORE THE GRADUATION CEREMONY.
REALLY? WHY!?

I DON'T WANT TO SEE HIS FACE ANYMORE!
I'M GLAD WE'RE GOING TO DIFFERENT HIGH SCHOOLS
HE HAD AN AFFAIR!
I WAS ANGRY WITH HIM, AND THEN HE WAS ANGRY WITH ME!
HE HAS A COLLEGE STUDENT WHO IS HIS TUTOR AND SHE TOOK HIS ATTENTION AWAY FROM ME
Even though Touko has a reputation of dating around, I still like her. She's fun.
Touko Negishi went to my old junior high school.
Tsutsui kun was handsome
IS THAT SO?
YOU WILL FIND A NEW BOYFRIEND SOON BUT STILL..
YEA, THAT'S RIGHT.
He's a good guy friend since we can talk about our boyfriends and girlfriends together.
HIRO, HOW IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR YOUNGER GIRLFRIEND?
AFTER GRADUATION YOU MIGHT NOT SEE HER AS MUCH.
Hirotaka Chibo (Hiro) also went to the same Junior High School.

BUT WE'RE OKAY BECAUSE I TALK TO HER A LOT OVER THE PHONE
REALLY? I ENVY YOU
HOW ABOUT YOU TOUKO, AND YOUR BOY-FRIEND FROM M UNIVERSITY?


OH, HE'S HISTORY. NOW I'M GOING OUT WITH SOMEONE FROM K UNIVER-SITY
AND WE'RE ALL LOVE LOVE ♡
Oh



I'M GOING TO GO TALK WITH HER.
OH, KATSURA'S HERE!
Katsura Ishimura is in the basketball club.
She is beautiful, tall, athletic and so cool.
I TOLD YOU TO CALL ME YUKA.
MORNING KUNITOMO-SAN
KATSURA! MORNING
YOU CAN STAY OVER SINCE I LIVE BY MYSELF!
HEY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME OVER TO MY PLACE WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE BASKETBALL CLUB?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT MY PARENTS.

THANKS
SMILE
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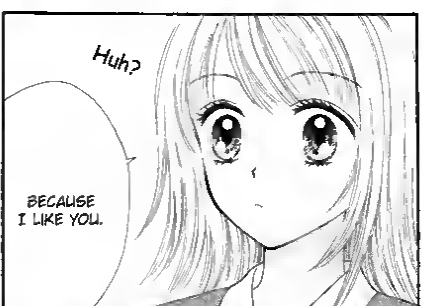
BUT WHY ARE YOU INVITING ME?
YOU HAVE CLOSER FRIENDS THAN ME, LIKE NEGISHI-SAN.


Huh?
BECAUSE I LIKE YOU.

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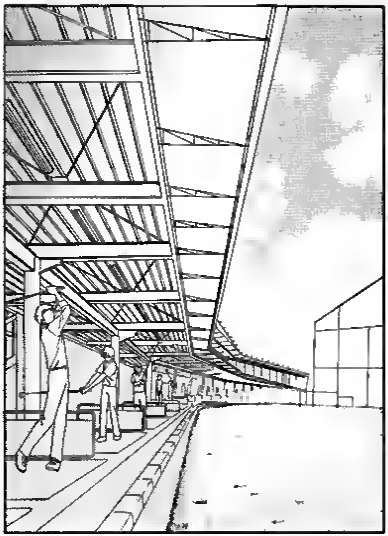
High School doesn't have too many rules.

I enjoy the school life and living by myself.

I like dad, Youko-mama, and my friends a lot.

I like everyone.



The only thing I'm missing is love.

Where is the cool boy who will make me forget everything but him?

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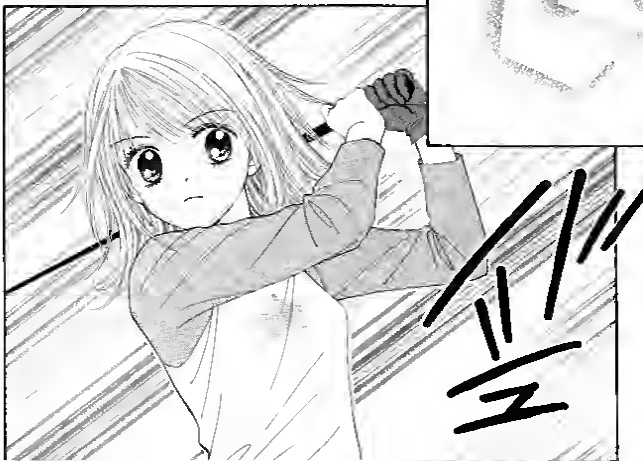

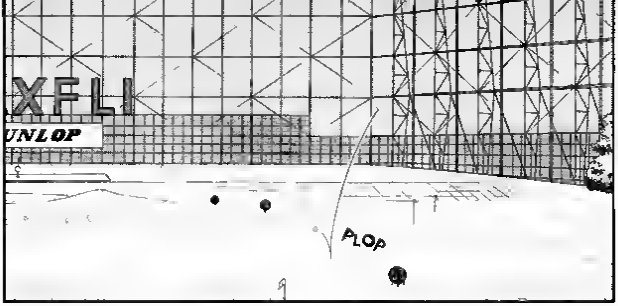
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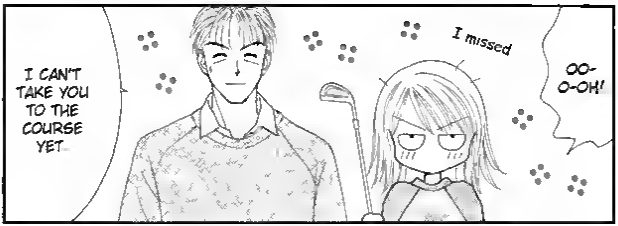

I CAN'T TAKE YOU TO THE COURSE YET.
I missed
OO-O-OH!

KUNI-TOMO?
YOU MUST BE KUNITOMO!

PRACTICE! PRACTICE!
I CAN'T TURN WITH MY HIPS, I SWING ONLY USING MY AAA-AA-AARMS.

SHIKI! IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME!!
I DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE YOU HERE.

THE FAMOUS SOCIAL MYSTERY AUTHOR, SHIKI-SENSEI.
OH, I KNOW!
SHUT UP.
A BIG BEST-SELLER, UNLIKE DAD
I'M YUKA. HOW DO YOU DO?
YOU'RE A FRIEND OF DADS?
RYOO-ICHIRU SHIKI
I BROKE UP WITH HIM, SO NOW I'M FREEEEE
WHY ARE YOU HERE WHEN YOU COULD BE OUT WITH YOUR BOYFRIEND?
YOU'RE VERY PRETTY YUKA-CHAN, SO YOU MUST BE POPULAR WITH THE BOYS
THEY'RE ALL LIKE HER NOWA-DAYS.
OH SHE S A FIRST YEAR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT.
And to be upset she must be mature
I WAS TEASING HER EXPECTING HER TO SAY.
BLUSH
NO NO I DON'T HAVE A BOY-FRIEND
...
THAT'S THE SAME SCHOOL MY SON GOES TO
MORINAGA !?
MORINAGA PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL
WHERE DOES SHE GO TO HIGH SCHOOL?

FREE TALK 1

Hello! This is my first comic of the 21st century. Thanks for reading it!

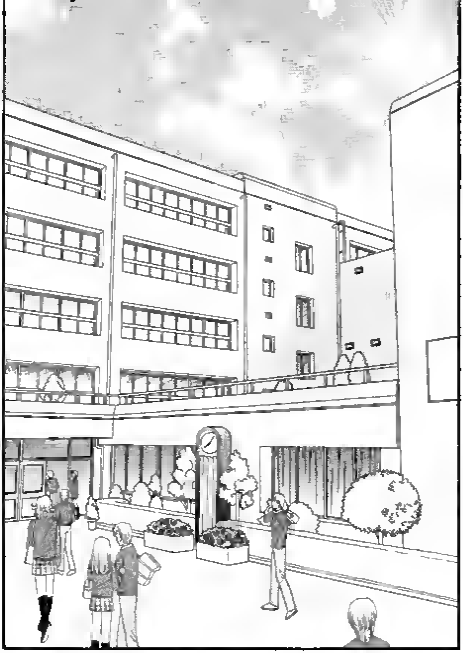
I've recently changed the way I draw my own face.

This is how I drew it up until now. Since I'm terrible at drawing portraits, I started out by drawing dots for eyes, ruffled up hair, and a simple face.

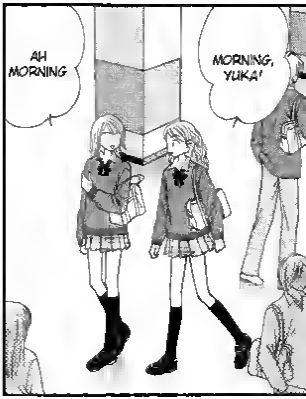
However, a little while ago, my editor said this about Noeru's face from "Mint na Bokura."

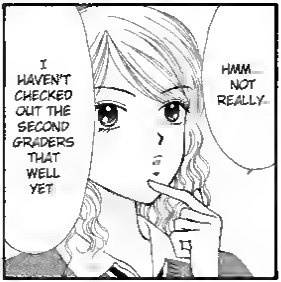
"Say, Yoshizumi, she kind of looks like you."

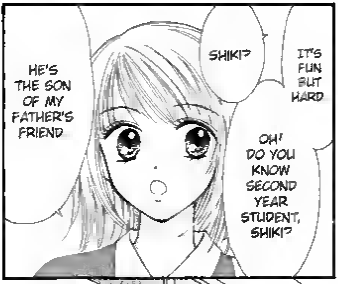
So then I thought to myself, "Oh, really. Maybe I'll try drawing myself like that, then."



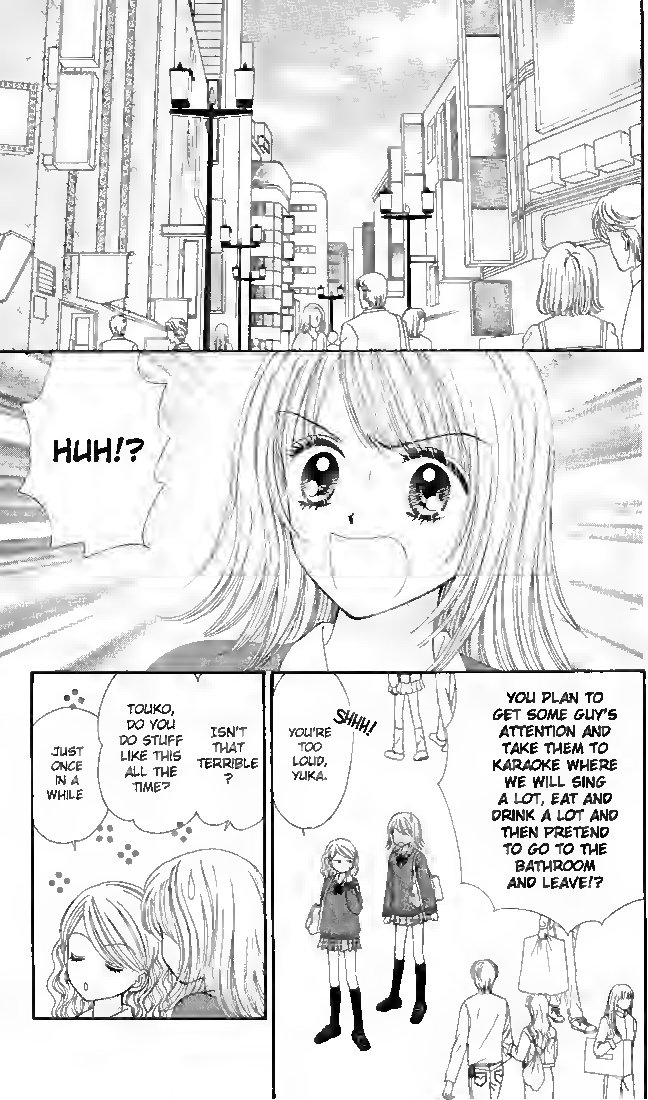
GOLF!?
SOUNDS MIDDLE-AGED *
WHEN I WENT TO PLAY GOLF AT THE RANGE WITH MY DAD YESTERDAY
I STRAINED A MUSCLE
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR ARM?



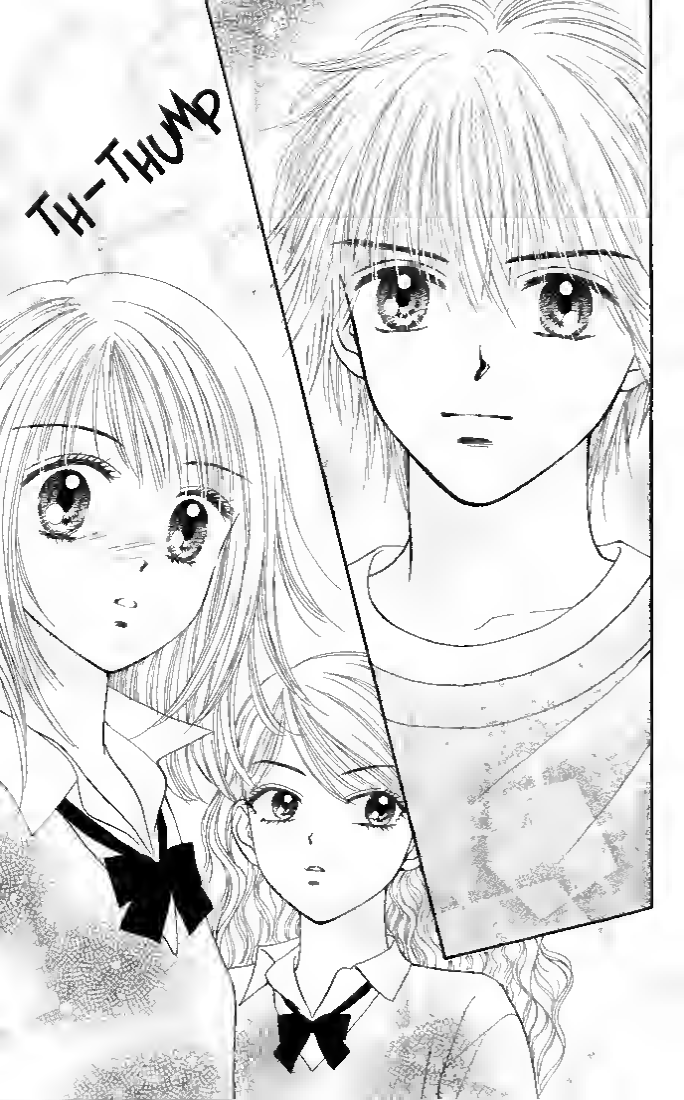




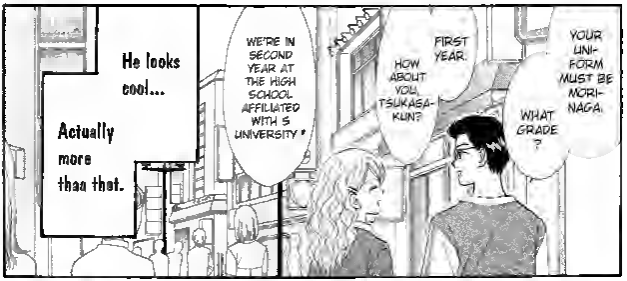
* NOTE: <GOLF ISN'T POPULAR AMONG TEENAGERS IN JAPAN. IT'S SOMETHING MIDDLE AGED PEOPLE DO. ALSO, SINCE JAPAN IS A SMALL COUNTRY THERE AREN'T A LOT OF GOLF COURSES. INSTEAD PEOPLE GO TO GOLF RANGE'S.>


HUH!?
YOU PLAN TO GET SOME GUY'S ATTENTION AND TAKE THEM TO KARAOKE WHERE WE WILL SING A LOT, EAT AND DRINK A LOT AND THEN PRETEND TO GO TO THE BATHROOM AND LEAVE!?
SHH!!
YOU'RE TOO LOUD, YUKA.
TOUKO, DO YOU DO STUFF LIKE THIS ALL THE TIME?
ISN'T THAT TERRIBLE?
JUST ONCE IN A WHILE

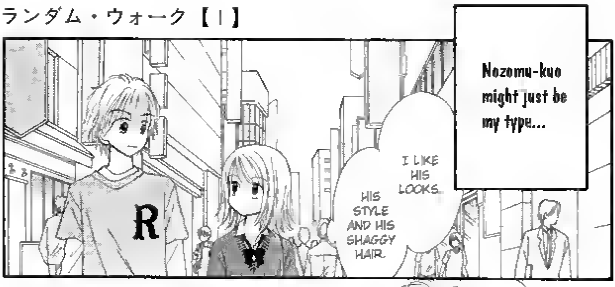
SINCE TWO BEAUTIFUL GIRLS LIKE US GO OUT WITH THEM FOR A FEW HOURS, THEY SHOULD THANK US...
EVEN THOUGH THEY PAY THEIR COST I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO GET THE WRONG IDEA, IT WOULD BE ANNOYING
BECAUSE I DON'T LIKE IT THAT THEY ASK FOR ME TO PAY HALF
HMPH!
HEY YOU
YOU SAY THAT BUT...
DO YOU HAVE SOME FREE TIME?
WANT TO GO OUT WITH US?
ARLEY
R


TH-THUMP

I'M TSUKASA ...
AND THIS IS NOZOMU.
WHAT ARE YOUR N MES ?
I'M SOOOOO HAPPY! WE WERE BORED.
KARA-OKE! SOUNDS GOOD.
WE WANT TO GO TO KARA-OKE.
TOUKO AND YUKA.


He looks cool...
Actually more than that.
WE'RE IN SECOND YEAR AT THE HIGH SCHOOL AFFILIATED WITH S UNIVERSITY *
FIRST YEAR.
HOW ABOUT YOU, TSUKASA-KUN?
YOUR UNI-FORM MUST BE MORI-NAGA.
WHAT GRADE ?

* NOTE <OKAY THAT WAS HARD TO TRANSLATE INTO ENGLISH IN JAPAN SOME SCHOOLS ARE LINKED TO ONE ANOTHER. IT GOES FROM KINDERGARTEN ALL THE WAY THROUGH COLLEGE BASICALLY YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE AN ENTRANCE EXAM TO GET INTO A NEW SCHOOL, YOU JUST MOVE UP >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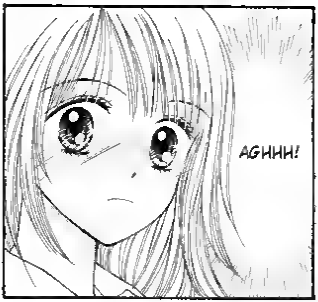
I LIKE HIS LOOKS.
HIS STYLE AND HIS SHAGGY HAIR.
Nozomu-kun might just be my type...


AGHHH!

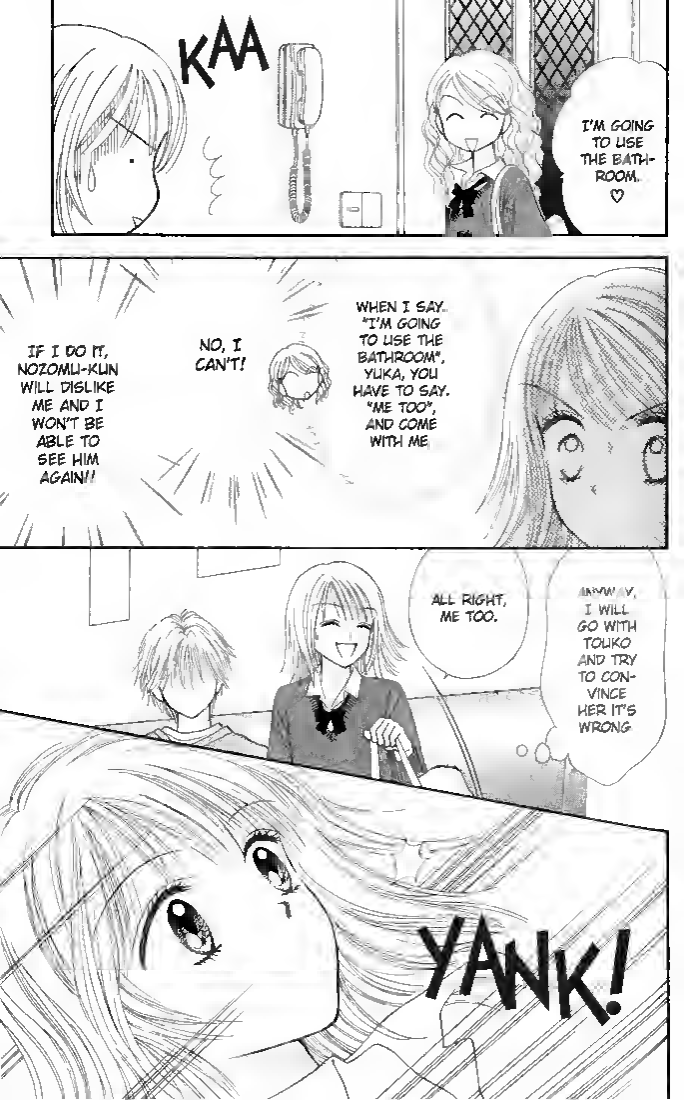
SMILE

カラオケ
HE'S REALLY MY TYPE!!
WHAT CAN I DO!?

AH, ME TOO!
OH, I LOVE THIS SONG!
OKAY.
SO LET'S SING IT TOGETHER
WE'RE ALIKE.
Give me the remote control
WE LIKE THE SAME TYPE OF MUSIC
AND THE SAME FOOD AND DRINKS

NOZOMU-KUN
DO YOU HAVE A GIRL-FRIEND?
OKAY!
IT'S A LIE.
I HAVE MANY
REALLY !?
NOPE.
NO, NO, I REALLY DON'T HAVE ONE.
WHAT !?

O_
HA
HA
HA
!!
EH ..?
WHICH ONE IS RIGHT?
I WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT NOZOMU-KUN.
I WANT TO SEE HIM AGAIN.
IF POSSIBLE, JUST THE TWO OF US .
CLATTER


KAA
I'M GOING TO USE THE BATHROOM. ♡
WHEN I SAY, "I'M GOING TO USE THE BATHROOM", YUKA, YOU HAVE TO SAY, "ME TOO", AND COME WITH ME.
NO, I CAN'T!
IF I DO IT, NOZOMU-KUN WILL DISLIKE ME AND I WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE HIM AGAIN!!
ALL RIGHT, ME TOO.
ANYWAY, I WILL GO WITH TOUKO AND TRY TO CONVINCE HER IT'S WRONG.
YANK!

NOOOO,
I WON'T LET YOU GO.

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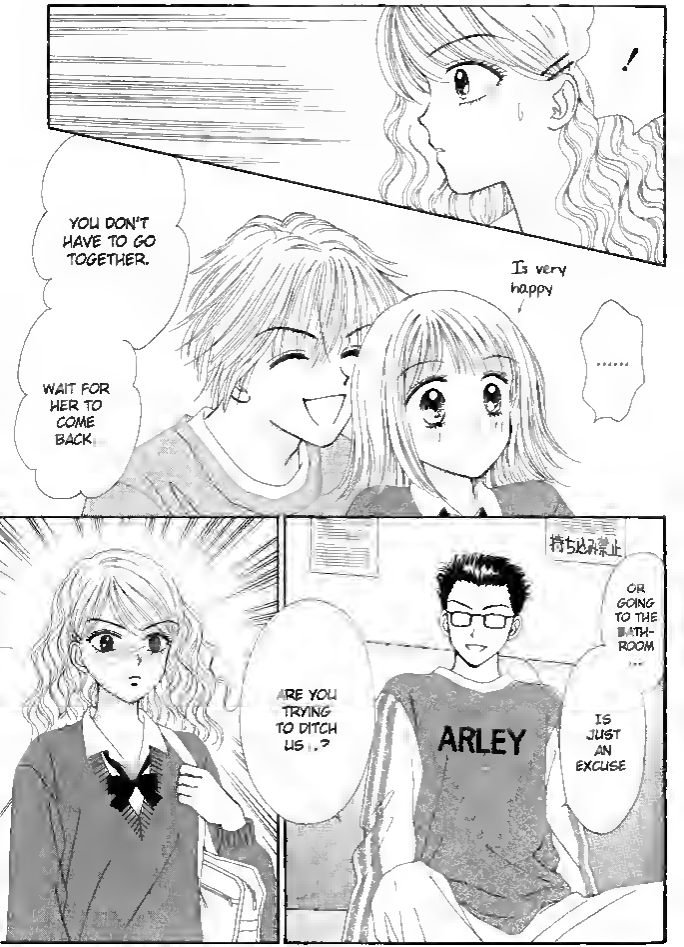


NOTE: <WOW... I GUESS IN JAPAN IT'S NOT CUSTOMARY FOR GIRLS TO GO TO THE BATHROOM IN PACKS AS IT IS HERE IN THE STATES... IT'S CONSIDERED STRANGE FOR A GIRL TO GO ALONE>

THE OTHER DAY,
T-
THEY KNOW!!

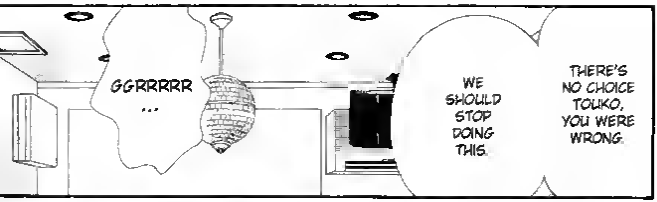
THE DESCRIPTION OF THE GIRL IS SOFT, WAVY HAIR AND UP-SLANTED EYES, TOUKO-CHAN

WHEN I SAW YOU, I KNEW

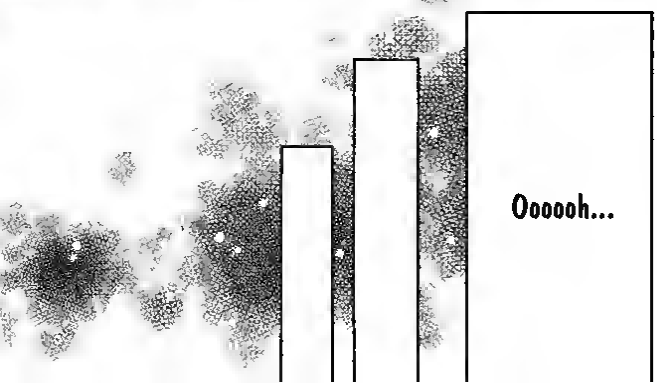
MY FRIENDS SAID THAT THEY WERE VERY ANGRY BECAUSE A FIRST GRADE STUDENT OF MORINAGA HIGH SCHOOL INVITED THEM TO KARAOKE,
MY FRIENDS WENT BUT RIGHT BEFORE THE BILL CAME, THE GIRLS LEFT

EVEN THOUGH THE BOYS WERE PLANNING TO PAY FOR EVERYONE, IF THE GIRLS LEAVE WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING, THEY WOULD GET ANGRY AND HURT.
SOME MAY TRY TO GET REVENGE AND DO THE SAME.
THAT'S RIGHT,
IF YOU UNDER-ESTIMATE THE GUYS, ONE DAY, YOU WILL GET HURT.
SEE YOU.
SMILE
R

ガタン!!
TODAY YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR EVERY-THING.
DON'T EVER DO THIS AGAIN.
D-
DAAAMN!!
WHO DO THEY THINK THEY AAR-RR-RRE!

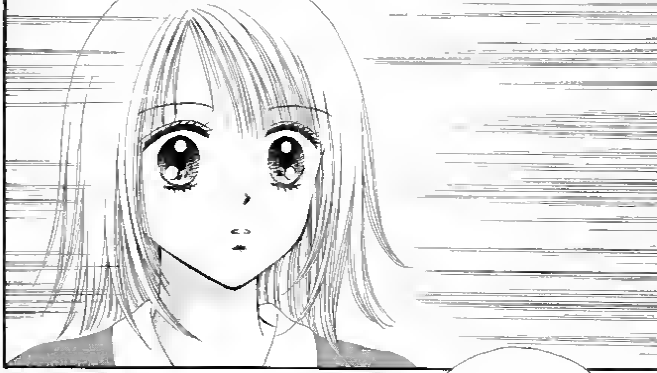

GGRRRRR
...
WE SHOULD STOP DOING THIS.
THERE'S NO CHOICE TOUKO, YOU WERE WRONG.

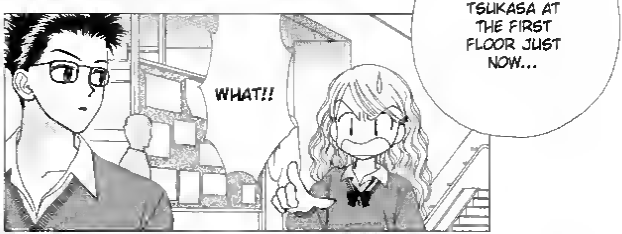
HE MUST THINK I WAS ONE OF THE GIRLS WHO DO THIS ALL THE TIME.
NOZOMU
...


Ooooh...

NO WAY!!
NOZOMU-KUN...
FIRST OF ALL, YOU DON'T GO GUY-HUNTING!
YOU DON'T KNOW WHO THEY ARE, AND THE KARAOKE BOX IS A INCLOSED AREA!
YEA...
IT'S OBVIOUS THEY WERE ANGRY!
YOU WERE LUCKY, IT COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE!

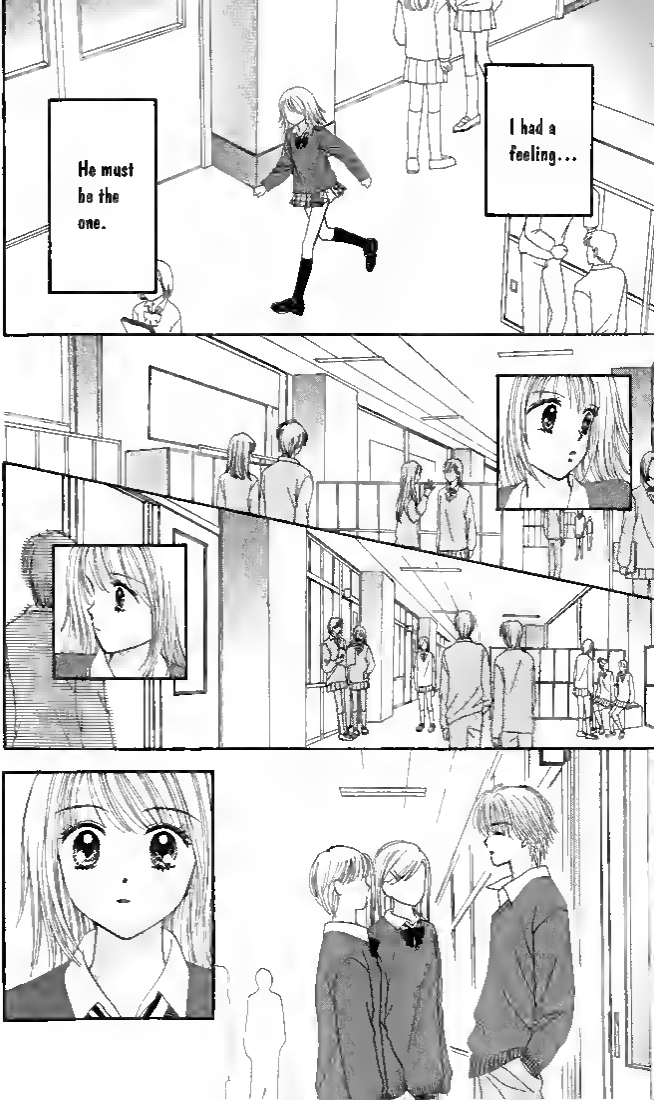
But I'm afraid he might be cold to me and snub me.
Should I go to his High School and look for him?
Or I should have followed him and apologized
I should have asked for his cell phone number.
YUKA!
THEY AREN'T S HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. THEY ARE SECOND GRADERS OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL!!
THE GUYS FROM YESTERDAY, TSUKASA AND NOZOMU!




I MET TSUKASA AT THE FIRST FLOOR JUST NOW...
WHAT!!

YOU GUYS ARE HERE !?
YOU TOLD US YOU WERE FROM S HIGH SCHOOL !!
WE TRIED TO FIND OUT IF THE STORY WAS TRUE.
IF WE WERE HONEST, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE DONE THE SAME THING TO KIDS FROM YOUR SCHOOL

THAT WAS YOUR FAULT YOU SHOULD KNOW ALL OF YOU UPPER-CLASSMAN'S FACES, IDIOT.
DON'T PRETEND YOU'RE SO GREAT. YOU LIED TO US!
YOU SHOULD THANK US SINCE WE CORRECTED YOU IDIOTS.
Calm down
GRRRR!
HE USED "IDIOT" TWICE!
DAMNIT!
...THAT'S WHAT HAP-PENED, GEEZ!
HUH,
WHERE'S YUKA?


He must be the one.
I had a feeling...

OH, YOU FOUND ME.
YOUR NAME IS YUKA-CHAN, IS THAT RIGHT?
SORRY FOR YES-TERDAY
WHO IS THIS FIRST GRADER, SHIKI-KUN?
WHAT HAPPENED YESTER-DAY?
NEVER MIND.
NOZOMU-KUN
IS YOUR LAST NAME SHIKI.?
IS YOUR FATHER THE AUTHOR,
SHIKI RYOOICHIRU-SAN?

Ah...
THAT'S RIGHT.
That must be him.

He must be the boy who will make all my days with him lovely.

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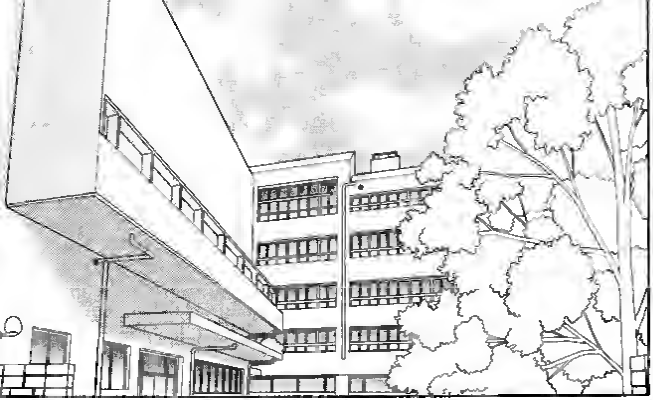
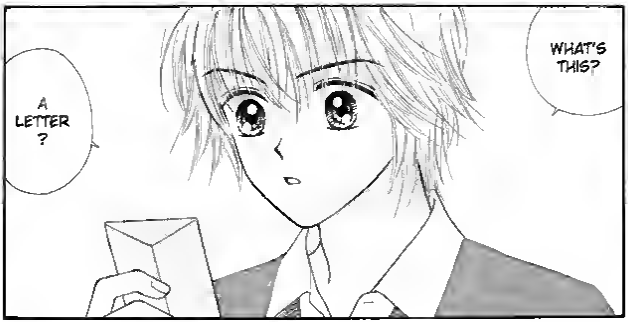
NOW
I HAVE
SOMEONE
TO LOVE.

RANDOM WALK
ACT.2




WHAT'S THIS?
A LETTER ?

WELL, ANYWAY, READ IT!
RECOMMENDATION LETTER?
RECOMMENDATION LETTER
"TO NOZOMU."
I HOPE THAT YUKA-CHAN BECOMES MY FUTURE DAUGHTER-IN-LAW. I WANT YUKA-CHAN TO BECOME MY DAUGHTER!"
"NOZOMU. I RECOMMEND YOU TO TAKE YUKA-CHAN, WHO'S THE DAUGHTER OF MY FRIEND AKIMITSU KUNITOMO, AS YOUR GIRLFRIEND!"
"I'M COUNTING ON YOU. FROM YOUR FATHER."
I MET YOUR FATHER WHEN I WENT TO THE GOLF RANGE WITH MY DAD THE OTHER DAY.
.....
ON THE WAY HOME, THE THREE OF US HAD LUNCH TOGETHER. YOUR FATHER SEEMED TO LIKE ME.
YUKA-CHAN, PLEASE MARRY MY SON!
OH, I SHOULD WRITE A RECOMMENDATION LETTER. YUKA-CHAN, IF YOU LIKE MY SON, PLEASE HAND IT TO HIM.
IF YOU DON'T LIKE HIM, THIS OLD MAN WILL JUST GIVE UP ON YOU!

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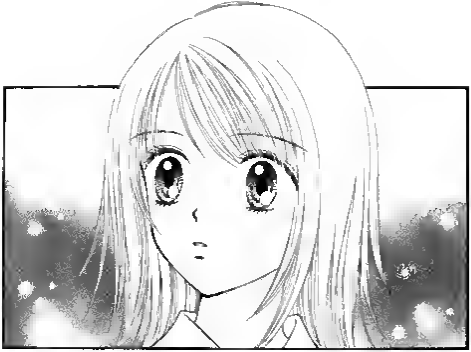
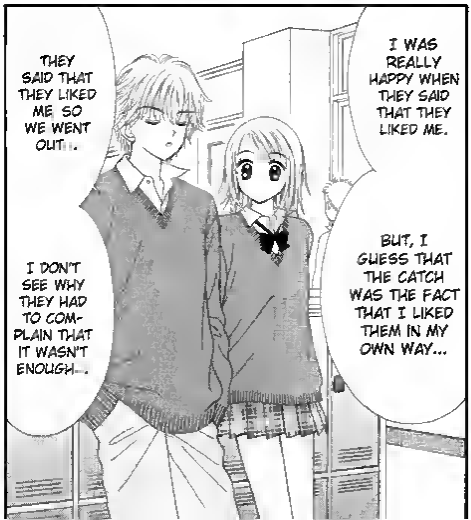
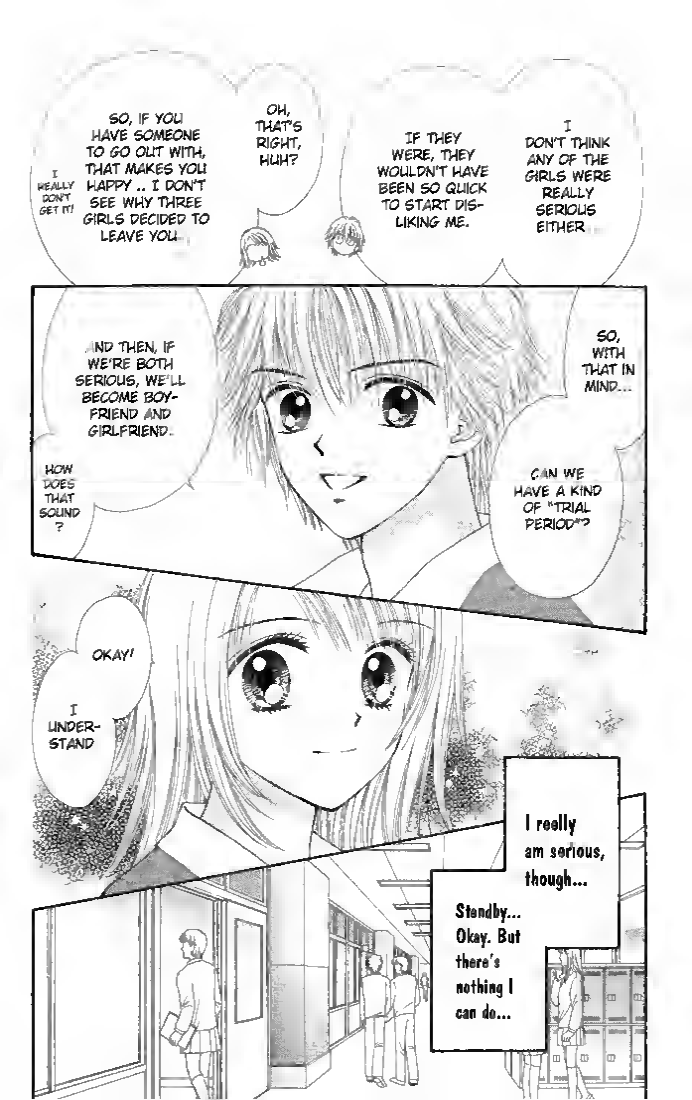
THIS LETTER LOOKS REALLY SLOPPY.
BUT... DOES THIS MEAN THAT YOU LIKE ME?
YOUR DAD LOOKED LIKE HE GOT DRUNK ON JUST A GLASS OF BEER!
YEAH, I CAN TELL ..
YEAH.
A LOT.
SO, THEN ...
WILL YOU LET ME BECOME YOUR GIRL-FRIEND?
BUT ....
CAN YOU BE HONEST WITH ME? DO YOU HAVE A LOT OF GIRLFRIENDS RIGHT NOW?
RIGHT NOW, I HAVE NONE.

OH, SO THAT'S HOW IT WAS.
AND I TRIED TO CONVINCE HER THAT IT WAS WRONG, TOO!
TOUKO FORCED ME!! I HAD NEVER DONE THAT BEFORE!
NO, NO! YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG!
WH-WHAT!?
YOU DO SOME BAD STUFF SOMETIMES...
HMM, LET ME THINK ABOUT IT...
OKAY, IN THAT CASE...
YOU ARE NOW A CANDIDATE FOR MY GIRLFRIEND!
HOW ABOUT BEING A SEMI-GIRLFRIEND FOR NOW?
EVERY TIME, GIRLS COME TO ME...
I SAY OKAY, AND WE START DATING.
AFTER A WHILE, THEY ACCUSE ME OF NOT BEING SERIOUS ABOUT THEM AND THEY LEAVE
SO FAR I'VE HAD THREE GIRLFRIENDS AND I BROKE UP WITH THEM ALL FOR THE SAME REASONS
OH, I'M VERY CAREFUL ABOUT THAT THESE DAYS...
HUH!? SEMI!?
No wa-a-ay!



SO... YOU'VE NEVER BEEN SERIOUS WITH ANYONE BEFORE?
YEAH.
MAYBE SO...


I WAS REALLY HAPPY WHEN THEY SAID THAT THEY LIKED ME.
THEY SAID THAT THEY LIKED ME SO WE WENT OUT...
BUT, I GUESS THAT THE CATCH WAS THE FACT THAT I LIKED THEM IN MY OWN WAY...
I DON'T SEE WHY THEY HAD TO COMPLAIN THAT IT WASN'T ENOUGH...


I REALLY DON'T GET IT!
SO, IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE TO GO OUT WITH, THAT MAKES YOU HAPPY .. I DON'T SEE WHY THREE GIRLS DECIDED TO LEAVE YOU
OH, THAT'S RIGHT, HUH?
IF THEY WERE, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO QUICK TO START DISLIKING ME.
I DON'T THINK ANY OF THE GIRLS WERE REALLY SERIOUS EITHER
AND THEN, IF WE'RE BOTH SERIOUS, WE'LL BECOME BOYFRIEND AND GIRLFRIEND.
HOW DOES THAT SOUND ?
SO, WITH THAT IN MIND...
CAN WE HAVE A KIND OF "TRIAL PERIOD"?
OKAY!
I UNDERSTAND
I really am serious, though...
Standby... Okay. But there's nothing I can do...

I'll just try my best to get from semi-girlfriend to real girlfriend.
Oh well, it's okay...
HUH ...!?

THAT'S RIGHT! I...
DECIDED TO GO OUT WITH TSUKASA! ♡
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YEP, YOU'RE RIGHT!
BUT YOU WERE ANGRY WITH HIM JUST A WHILE AGO!
WHAT WAS THA-A-AT!?
BUT, I'LL PROBABLY LOSE INTEREST IN HIM NOW...
OH, I THINK I'LL KEEP HIM...
WHAT ABOUT THE GUY FROM K UNIVERSITY?
SINCE TSUKASA IS NOW MY MAIN INTEREST!
"IF I DIDN'T CARE ABOUT YOU, I WOULDN'T HAVE DONE ANYTHING."
"I JUST WANTED YOU TO STOP BECAUSE I WAS INTERESTED IN YOU."
Kyah!
TSUKASA DID IT BECAUSE HE'S HAD HIS EYE ON ME!
AND HE ALSO TOLD ME THAT...

EH!?
DO YOU HAVE A BOYFRIEND, KATSURA?
OH HO HO HO HO!
OOH! I ENVY YOU!
I'M JUST A "SEMI-GIRL-FRIEND"!
SFX: <BLUSH>
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NO, NO, NO WAY! I DON'T HAVE A BOY-FRIEND!
SO YOU HAVEN'T GONE OUT WITH A SINGLE BOY?
YEAH.
NOZOMU-KUN'S DAD WOULD'VE LOVED TO SEE THAT
NO! I COULDN'T! I'M NOT BRAVE ENOUGH!
SO DID YOU TELL HIM ANY-THING?
WELL, I DID HAVE SOMEONE THAT I LIKED WHEN I WAS IN JUNIOR HIGH...
BUT YOU DO HAVE SOMEONE YOU LIKE, DON'TCHA?

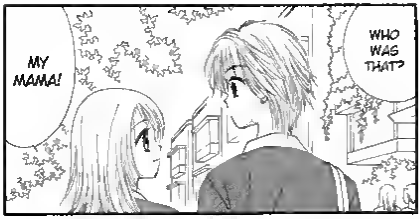
TOUKO, YOU'RE TOO AGGRESSIVE...
WHY DON'T YOU BE MORE AGGRESSIVE?
HUH? YOU SHOULD'VE TRIED TO GO OUT WITH HIM...
HOW MANY BOYFRIENDS DID YOU HAVE BEFORE TSUKASA?
KATSURA, YOU'RE IMMATURE
WELL, YES... ONE GUY DID, BUT...
SO... HAS ANYONE TOLD YOU THAT THEY LIKE YOU?
I TURNED HIM DOWN, BECAUSE HE WAS JUST A FRIEND TO ME
I WANT TO FEEL THE EXCITEMENT OF A NEW LOVE, SO I MOVE ON TO SOMEONE ELSE
AFTER THAT PERIOD PASSES, I TEND TO LOSE INTEREST...
THE START OF A RELATIONSHIP IS ALWAYS THE BEST PART OF IT, SINCE YOU'RE GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER..
BUT, YOU KNOW...
I COULD NEVER DATE SOMEONE FOR THAT LONG.
OH, WAS THAT WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WENT OUT WITH TSUTSUI-KUN FOR A YEAR, OR SOMETHING?
BUT DON'T YOU THINK THAT IT CAN BE GOOD AFTER YOU GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER TOO?
LIKE, LOVE GETS STRONGER WITH TIME?
YOU'RE NOT LOOKING FOR A BOYFRIEND, TOKUO! YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A GOOD TIME!
AH... YEAH, YOU MAY BE RIGHT
THEY'RE USING ALL THESE WEIRD WORDS
I DON'T FOLLOW THEIR CONVERSATION AT ALL

THERE'S A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WORKING AND NOT WORKING.
HE LOOKS KIND AND GENTLE!
YOUR FATHER DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THAT KIND OF PERSON

YEAH, MY FATHER IS REALLY NERVOUS AND STINGY RIGHT BEFORE A DEADLINE...
SO YOU'RE IN THE SAME SITUATION, NOZOMU-KUN?
I DON'T EVEN WANT TO TALK TO HIM RIGHT NOW...

BUT HE SAYS THAT HE PREFERS TO WORK AT HOME...
SOMETIMES, MY FATHER GOES OFF TO WORK SOMEWHERE ELSE...
YEAH, MY DAD DOES THE VERY SAME THING!

YUKOU-MAMA!
OH?
YUKA-CHAN!
AHH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT...
I WISH I COULD HAVE A CUP OF TEA WITH YOU AND YOUR FRIEND...
I'M SO SORRY, I'M IN A BIG HURRY RIGHT NOW!
I'M ON MY WAY BACK TO WORK FROM A DESIGNER'S OFFICE THAT'S AROUND THIS AREA...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
YEP!
SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW THEN!
IS 8PM OKAY?
WELL, SHALL WE GO EAT TO-GETHER TOMOR-ROW NIGHT?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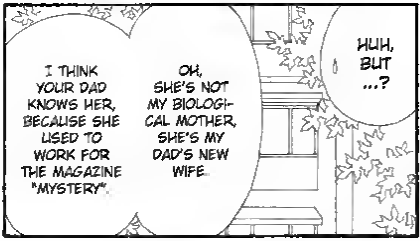
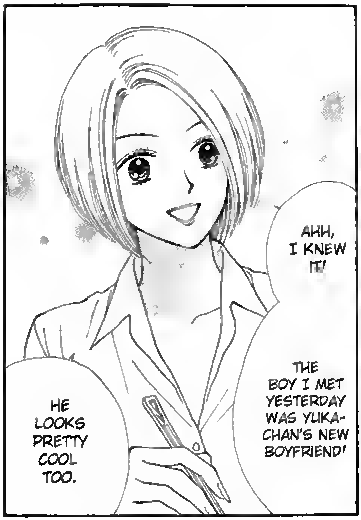
MY MAMA!

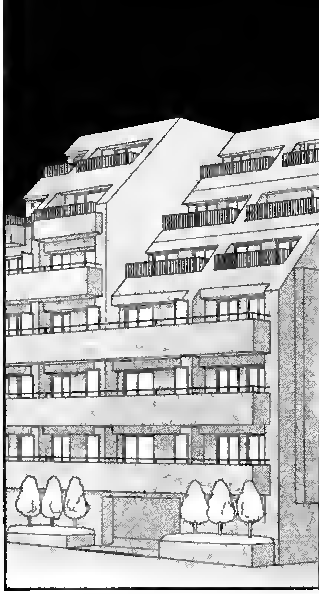

HUH, BUT ...?
OH, SHE'S NOT MY BIOLOGICAL MOTHER. SHE'S MY DAD'S NEW WIFE.
I THINK YOUR DAD KNOWS HER, BECAUSE SHE USED TO WORK FOR THE MAGAZINE "MYSTERY".

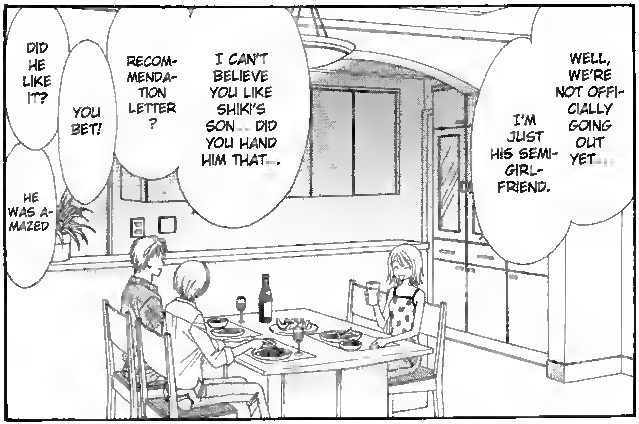
YOU SEEM TO GET ALONG WELL
DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING AGAINST HER?
NOT AT A-A-ALL!
YOUKO-MAMA IS JUST 28 YEARS OLD, SHE'S LIKE AN OLDER SISTER TO ME, AND I LIKE IT!

IF MY REAL MOTHER WAS STILL ALIVE, I GUESS MY FEELINGS ABOUT IT WOULD BE A BIT DIFFERENT.
BUT SHE DIED IN A CAR ACCIDENT TWO YEARS AGO...
DON'T YOU WISH FOR YOUR DAD TO ONLY LOVE YOUR REAL MOTHER, FOREVER?
BUT
WELL, I GUESS MY PAPA IS A BIT STRANGE IN SOME WAYS...
EVER SINCE I WAS SMALL, HE'S BEEN TELLING ME ABOUT ALL HIS GIRLFRIENDS...
"TO FALL IN LOVE IS A VERY BEAUTIFUL THING..."
"BE A GOOD WOMAN, AND DON'T BE AFRAID OF GETTING HURT!", HE ALWAYS TOLD ME STUFF LIKE THAT.
THAT'S WHY I WANT TO LOVE SOMEONE...
AND WHY I WANT MY FATHER TO BE IN LOVE TOO...

OH? HE DOES SEEM A BIT WEIRD
Ahahah!
YEAH, HE DOES, HUH?
BUT...
I KINDA LIKE THAT...
THANK YOU!


AHH, I KNEW IT!
THE BOY I MET YESTERDAY WAS YUKA-CHAN'S NEW BOYFRIEND!
HE LOOKS PRETTY COOL TOO.




DID HE LIKE IT?
YOU BET!
RECOM-MENDA-TION LETTER ?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU LIKE SHIKI'S SON... DID YOU HAND HIM THAT...
WELL, WE'RE NOT OFFI-CIALLY GOING OUT YET...
I'M JUST HIS SEMI-GIRL-FRIEND.
HE WAS A-MAZED

FREE TALK 2

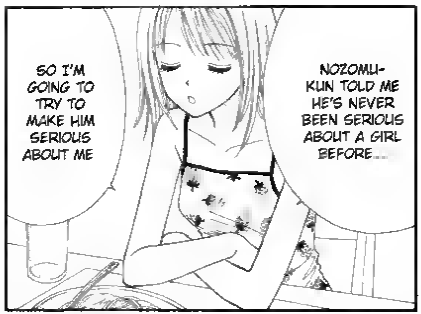
Draw the two lines in a similar manner. Make the eyes a bit droopy downwards, do big pupils, make the left eye bigger than the right one. Look at how the face has formed.

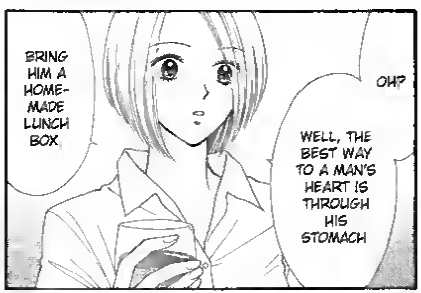
...Does it look alike?

This doesn't show the niceness of the face, though, it's easy to get it like this.

This one is without the effects of the other face. A bit uncomparable, but... Hee hee!

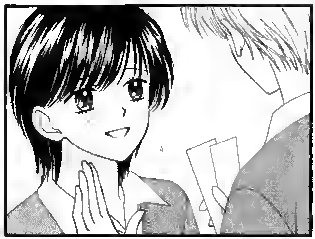
I drew this for no reason at all.

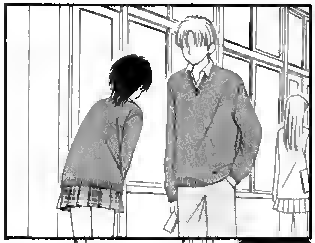


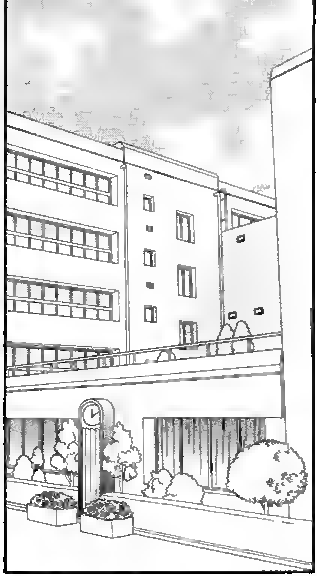


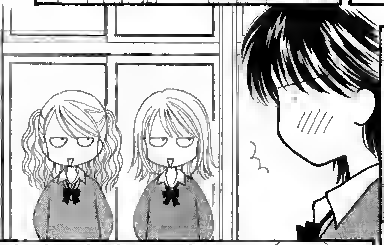
BUT, HE WOULD STILL CATCH YOUR FEELINGS SINCE YOU WOULD HAVE PUT SO MUCH WORK INTO IT.
OH, IS THAT SO?
I DON'T KNOW IF IT WORKS THAT WELL ON YOUNG HIGH SCHOOL BOYS. THEY EAT THEIR MOM'S HOMEMADE FOOD EVERY DAY.

OH, I GET IT I'LL KEEP THAT IN MIND
SO, YOKUO-MAMA, DID YOU FEED MY DAD?
AHH, IT WAS SORT OF THE OTHER WAY AROUND.
BECAUSE AKIMITSU-SAN IS A BETTER COOK THAN ME...
BUT YOU'RE GETTING BETTER!
THE PASTA SALAD THAT YOU MADE TONIGHT WAS DELI-CIOUS...
THANK YOU!
I'M TRYING TO LEARN, SO PLEASE BE PATIENT WITH ME ♡
OH, YUKA, YOU'RE STILL HERE
FINISH YOUR DINNER QUICKLY AND GO TO YOUR ROOM
YES, YES...









OH, DID YOU SEE THAT?

OH, WE SAW, WE SAW

OH, WE SAW IT, ALL RIGHT.

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WHY COULDN'T YOU BE NICE AND GO WITH HIM?
OH, IS THAT RIGHT?
NO! THAT'S NOT HOW IT WAS! HE JUST ASKED ME TO GO TO THE MOVIES WITH HIM!
MAN, YOU'RE TOO HARD ON THE GUYS!
AND HE LOOKED LIKE A NICE GUY TOO! HOW COULD YOU DO THAT? I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU!
HE TOLD YOU THAT HE LIKED YOU AND YOU TURNED HIM DOWN, DIDN'T YOU?
'CAUSE, WELL, YOU SEE, HE'S A THIRD GRADER THAT I DON'T KNOW AT ALL, AND UHM...
WHEN I'M WITH HIM, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY, AND HE LIKES ME A LOT, AND, UHM...
ON TOP OF THAT, I FEEL PRES-SURED...
WHA-A-AT!? BUT TO BE LOVED BY SOMEONE IS A HAPPY THING, YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY!
YES, YOU'RE RIGHT...
I APPRECIATE HIS FEELINGS, BUT I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO GIVE HIM IN RETURN.
SO, I FEEL GUILTY SINCE I CAN'T DO ANYTHING FOR HIM...

I UNDERSTAND THAT...
BUT, I THINK YOU WERE A BIT TOO HARD ON HIM.
I REALLY DON'T GET YOU, GIRL
ANY KIND OF BOY CAN MAKE ME HAPPY.
AND I ENJOY TALKING TO ONES I DON'T EVEN KNOW.
...
I WISH I WAS MORE OPEN-MINDED, LIKE TOKUO
IT'S OKAY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE LIKE HER
DON'T FORCE YOURSELF
AH, IT'S FINE YOU'RE NOT LIKE ME
WELL, I'M OFF TO SEE TSUKASA!
Bye by-y ye!
BUT JUST KEEP IN MIND THAT NEXT TIME YOU FALL IN LOVE...
I'LL HELP YOU IN ANY WAY I CAN!
BE MORE BRAVE, AND GO TELL HIM THAT YOU LIKE HIM!
.....
THANK YOU

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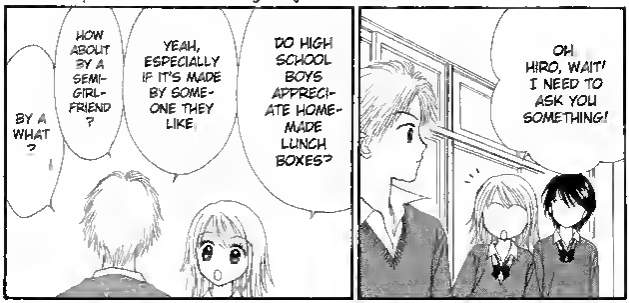
BY A WHAT ?
HOW ABOUT BY A SEMI-GIRL-FRIEND ?
YEAH, ESPECIALLY IF IT'S MADE BY SOME-ONE THEY LIKE.
DO HIGH SCHOOL BOYS APPRECI-ATE HOME-MADE LUNCH BOXES?
OH HIRO, WAIT! I NEED TO ASK YOU SOMETHING!

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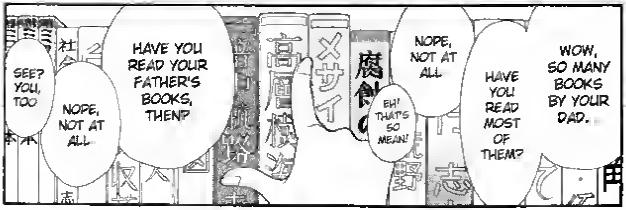
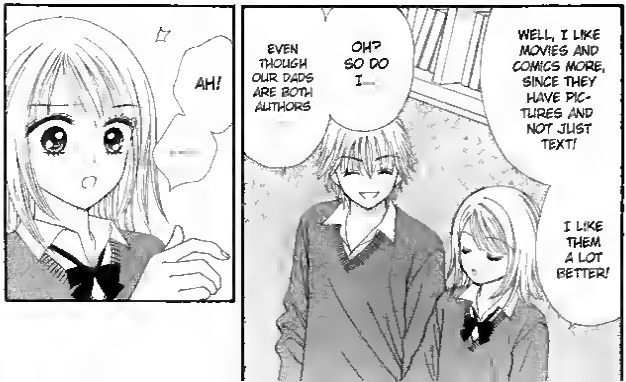
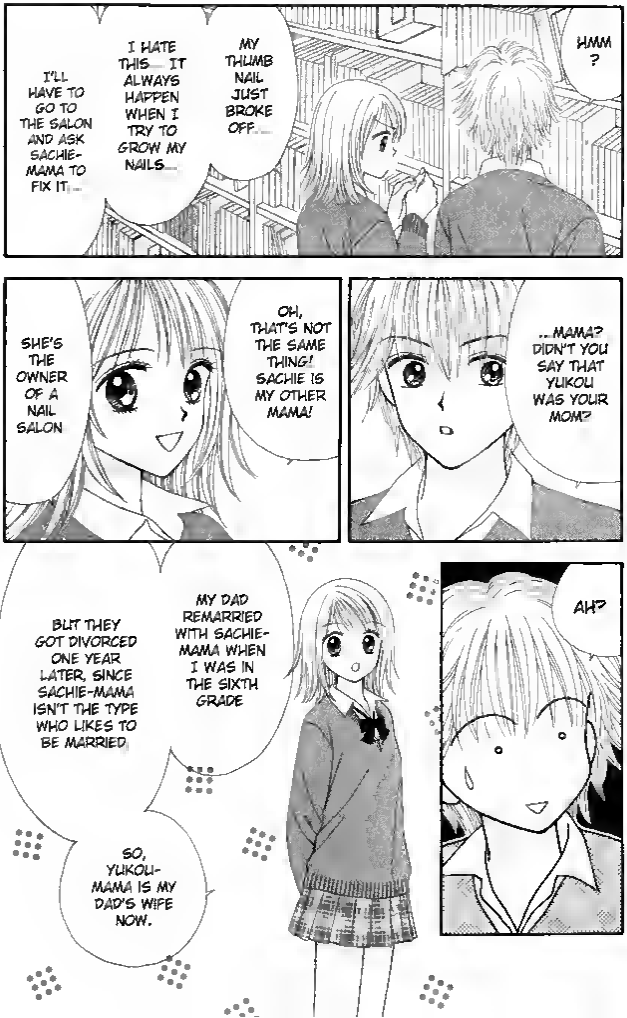

WOW, SO MANY BOOKS BY YOUR DAD.
HAVE YOU READ MOST OF THEM?
NOPE, NOT AT ALL
EH? THAT'S SO MEAN!
HAVE YOU READ YOUR FATHER'S BOOKS, THEN?
NOPE, NOT AT ALL
SEE? YOU, TOO


AH!
WELL, I LIKE MOVIES AND COMICS MORE, SINCE THEY HAVE PICTURES AND NOT JUST TEXT!
OH? SO DO I—
EVEN THOUGH OUR DADS ARE BOTH AUTHORS
I LIKE THEM A LOT BETTER!


HMM ?
MY THUMB NAIL JUST BROKE OFF...
I HATE THIS... IT ALWAYS HAPPEN WHEN I TRY TO GROW MY NAILS...
I'LL HAVE TO GO TO THE SALON AND ASK SACHIE-MAMA TO FIX IT...
..MAMA? DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT YUKOU WAS YOUR MOM?
OH, THAT'S NOT THE SAME THING! SACHIE IS MY OTHER MAMA!
SHE'S THE OWNER OF A NAIL SALON
AH?
MY DAD REMARRIED WITH SACHIE-MAMA WHEN I WAS IN THE SIXTH GRADE
BUT THEY GOT DIVORCED ONE YEAR LATER, SINCE SACHIE-MAMA ISN'T THE TYPE WHO LIKES TO BE MARRIED.
SO, YUKOU-MAMA IS MY DAD'S WIFE NOW.

I LIKE GOOD LOVE NOVELS A LOT!
I WISH MY FATHER WOULD WRITE NOVELS INSTEAD OF MYSTERIES...
SO HE'S MARRIED THREE TIMES...
OH, HE'S HAD QUITE AN AMOUNT OF GIRLFRIENDS
HE'S VERY POPULAR.
OH, WILL YOU?
YEP! BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE A MOM AT HOME SOMETIMES, I CAN DO ALL KINDS OF HOUSEWORK.
IS IT OKAY IF I MAKE YOU A LUNCH BOX?
OH, BY THE WAY
DO YOU EAT AT THAT CAFETERIA ALL THE TIME?
YEAH.
OKAY! I'LL BE WAITING FOR IT!
YOU WILL!?

I'M SO HAPPY!
I'LL DO MY BEST!
YOUR FAMILY SITUATION IS PRETTY COMPLICATED...
BUT STILL, YOU'VE GROWN UP STRAIGHT...

NO, YOU'RE HONEST AND CUTE.
SOME-TIMES, I THINK I GREW UP A BIT WRONG, THOUGH.
I GREW UP RIGHT, THEN?
YOU THINK SO?
I don't even get it myself
YOU'RE REALLY CUTE.
YEAH.
I AM?
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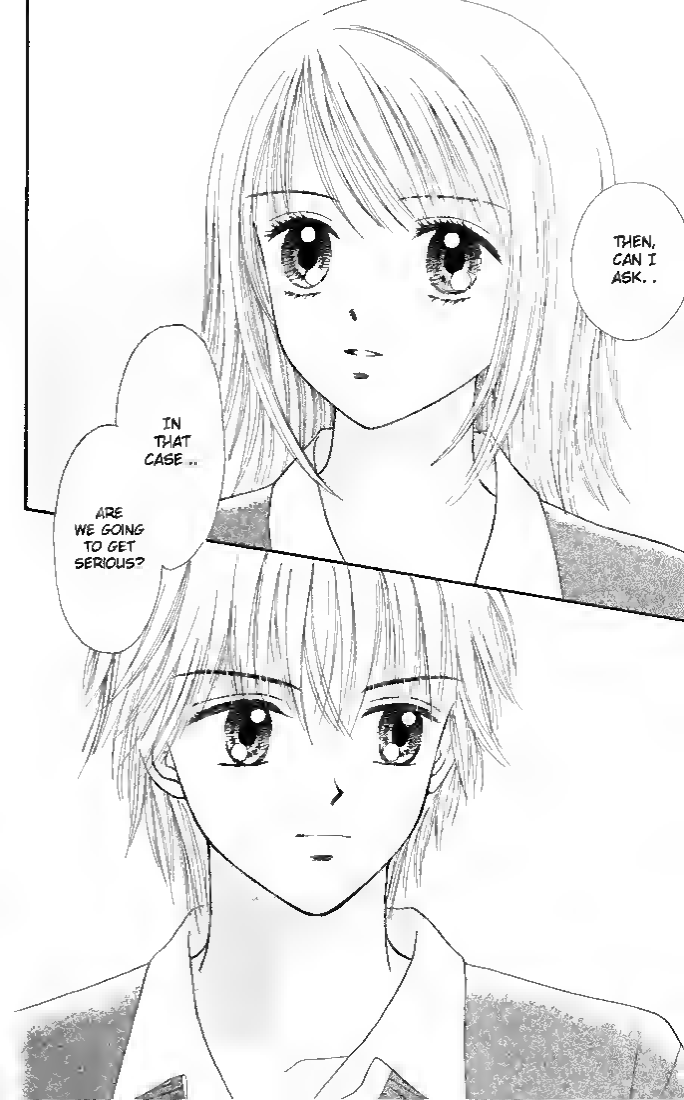
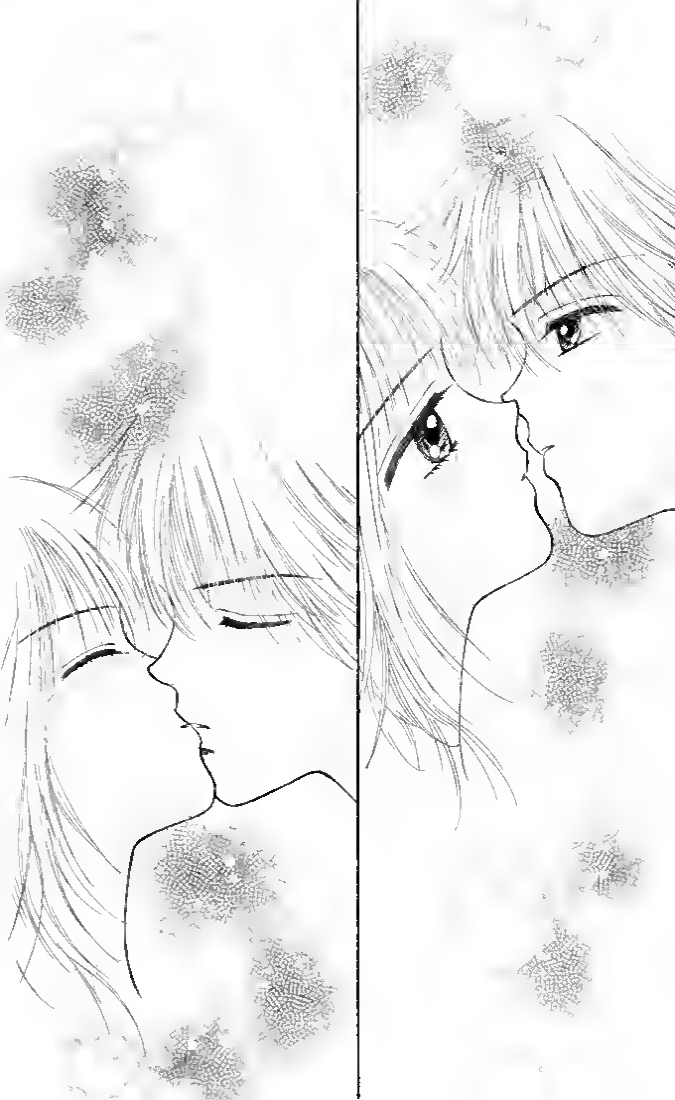

THEN, CAN I ASK..
IN THAT CASE..
ARE WE GOING TO GET SERIOUS?

YEAH.
WE ARE...



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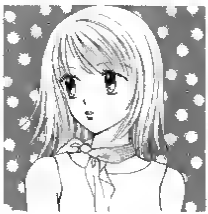

REALLY!? I'M GLAD YOU THINK SO!
MMM!
THIS SURE IS TASTY!
SO DO I! THIS IS GREAT! WE'RE VERY ALIKE! ♡
ESPECIALLY THE OMELET!
IN THAT CASE, I'LL MAKE A SWEET OMELET LUNCH BOX FOR YOU AGAIN!
I LIKE SWEET OMELETS THE BEST!
EVERYTHING TASTES JUST GREAT!
I take care of the cleaning and laundry though
MY DAD USED TO TAKE CARE OF IT, EXCEPT IF HE HAD A DEADLINE TO KEEP
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I LACK SELF-CONFIDENCE WHEN IT COMES TO COOKING
OKAY!
I UNDERSTAND!
If I make it too often you won't like it as much!
Ahahah!
BUT, DON'T PUSH YOURSELF, OKAY?
I KNOW IT'S NOT EASY TO WAKE UP EARLY.
SO, ONCE IN A WHILE IS OK

WELL...
SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW!
THANK YOU FOR WALKING ME HOME!
BYE BYE!

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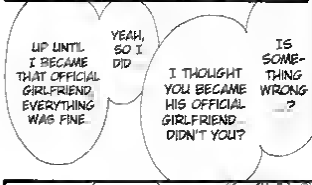
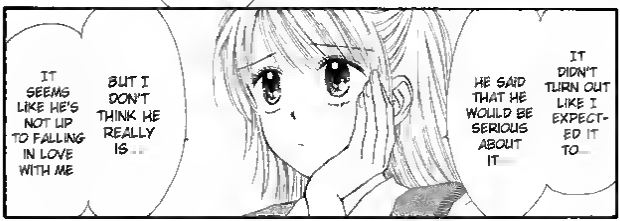
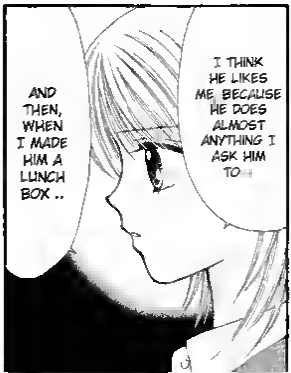
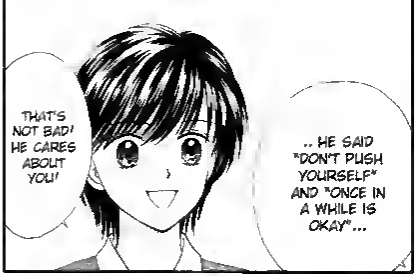

IS SOMETHING WRONG ..?
I THOUGHT YOU BECAME HIS OFFICIAL GIRLFRIEND... DIDN'T YOU?
YEAH, SO I DID
UP UNTIL I BECAME THAT OFFICIAL GIRLFRIEND, EVERYTHING WAS FINE...


IT DIDN'T TURN OUT LIKE I EXPECTED IT TO...
HE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE SERIOUS ABOUT IT...
BUT I DON'T THINK HE REALLY IS...
IT SEEMS LIKE HE'S NOT UP TO FALLING IN LOVE WITH ME

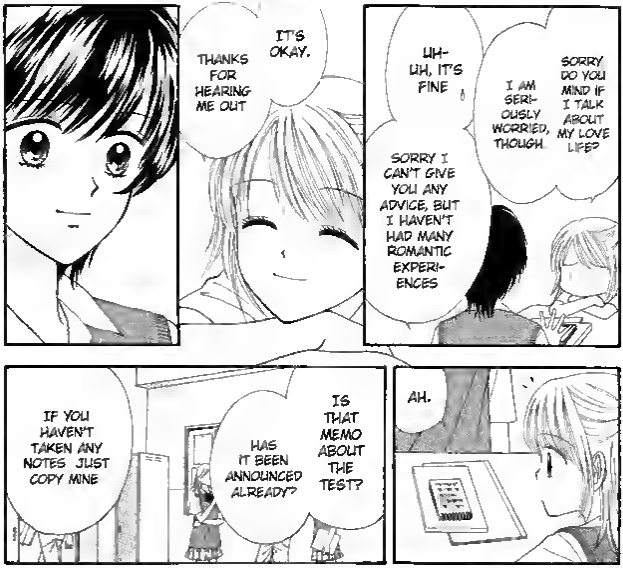


BUT YOU GUYS ARE REALLY LOVEY-DOVEY, AREN'T YOU?
YOU COME TO SCHOOL TOGETHER EVERY DAY, AND THEN YOU LEAVE TOGETHER...
BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT I TELL HIM TO DO, YEAH


THAT'S NOT BAD! HE CARES ABOUT YOU!
.. HE SAID "DON'T PUSH YOURSELF" AND "ONCE IN A WHILE IS OKAY"...

HE'S TOO DARN COOL, WHERE'S THE PASSION ...!?
YES, YOU'RE RIGHT! BUT, WHY DIDN'T HE ASK ME "CAN YOU DO IT AGAIN"! I WANT TO TRY MY BEST MAKING IT EVERY DAY!

SIGH...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE WANTS FROM ME ..
I FELT THAT WE LIKED EACH OTHER, BUT NOW I FEEL LIKE ONLY I LIKE HIM..
TELL ME, WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE HIM LIKE ME MORE?

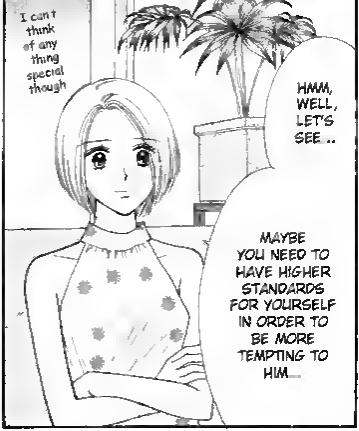

IT'S OKAY.
THANKS FOR HEARING ME OUT
UH-UH, IT'S FINE
SORRY I CAN'T GIVE YOU ANY ADVICE, BUT I HAVEN'T HAD MANY ROMANTIC EXPERIENCES
I AM SERIOUSLY WORRIED, THOUGH
SORRY, DO YOU MIND IF I TALK ABOUT MY LOVE LIFE?
IF YOU HAVEN'T TAKEN ANY NOTES JUST COPY MINE
HAS IT BEEN ANNOUNCED ALREADY?
IS THAT MEMO ABOUT THE TEST?
AH.
Since I thought about that instead...
And somehow...
I DON'T THINK ANYONE IS IN "THE MOOD" TO TAKE THE TEST...
A TEST, HUH...? UGH, I'M NOT IN THE MOOD FOR THAT.
I'M UPSET AT SOMETHING ELSE.

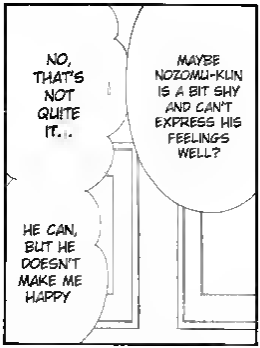
192
My test results turned out to be total crap.

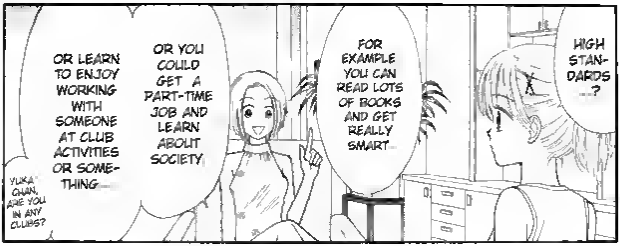
THIS IS MY RANK!? LIES!
LET ME SEE
YOU PLACED #192 OUT OF 258? YEP, THAT'S HORRIBLE
WHAT ABOUT YOU, TOUKO!?
NO WAY!
ME? I WAS #73
NOT TOO BAD! ♡

EH!? YOU DIDN'T ...!?
SO I KNEW THE TYPES OF QUES-TIONS ALREADY! ♡
I ASKED TSUKASA TO SHOW ME LAST YEARS EXAM!
Darn I have to do the same!
Tee hee! ♡
WAH! GREAT, KATSU-RA!
SURPRISED!
#17 !?
Oh man, this is really bad...
He might take this in a bad way...
And even though dad is kind and gentle...
SHOW ME THE TEST RANK WILL YOU?
I JUST READ THE TEXTS
My, this is unbelieve-able
We're proud of you Katsura!
You studied hard!

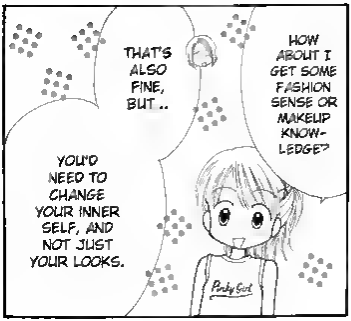
...
THIS IS VERY BAD, HUH?
I WAS THINKING ABOUT NOZOMU-KUN, SO I COULDN'T STUDY...
IT SEEMS AS IF I LIKE HIM MORE THAN HE LIKES ME, WHICH BOTHERS ME...
HEY, YOUKO-MAMA...
WHAT SHOULD I DO TO MAKE HIM LIKE ME MORE?

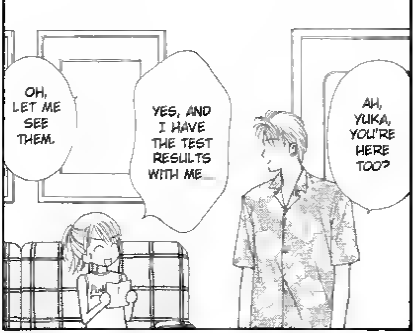

I can't think of any thing special though
HMM, WELL, LET'S SEE..
MAYBE YOU NEED TO HAVE HIGHER STANDARDS FOR YOURSELF IN ORDER TO BE MORE TEMPTING TO HIM...


MAYBE NOZOMU-KUN IS A BIT SHY AND CAN'T EXPRESS HIS FEELINGS WELL?
NO, THAT'S NOT QUITE IT..
HE CAN, BUT HE DOESN'T MAKE ME HAPPY

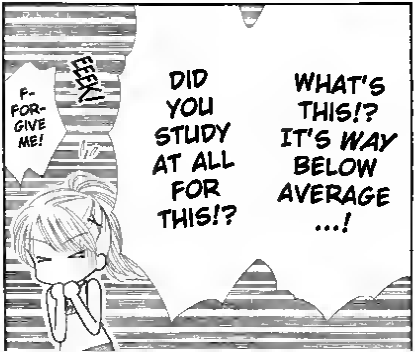

YUKA CHAN, ARE YOU IN ANY CLUBS?
OR LEARN TO ENJOY WORKING WITH SOMEONE AT CLUB ACTIVITIES OR SOMETHING...
OR YOU COULD GET A PART-TIME JOB AND LEARN ABOUT SOCIETY
FOR EXAMPLE YOU CAN READ LOTS OF BOOKS AND GET REALLY SMART...
HIGH STANDARDS...?

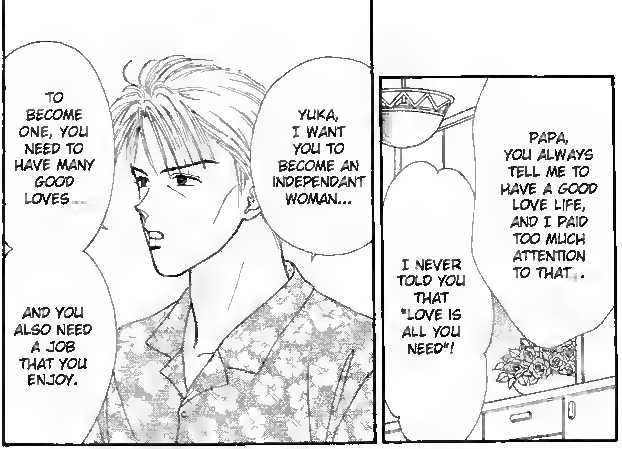
SIGH
MAN, I NEED A BREAK...
YOUKO, CAN YOU GET ME A CUP OF TEA?

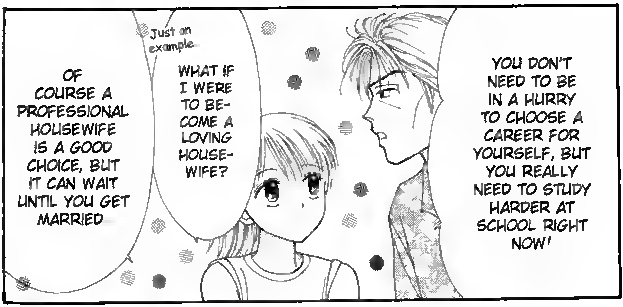

HOW ABOUT I GET SOME FASHION SENSE OR MAKEUP KNOWLEDGE?
THAT'S ALSO FINE, BUT..
YOU'D NEED TO CHANGE YOUR INNER SELF, AND NOT JUST YOUR LOOKS.


OH, LET ME SEE THEM.
YES, AND I HAVE THE TEST RESULTS WITH ME.
AH, YUKA, YOU'RE HERE TOO?

Papa, don't exaggerate!


EEEK!
F-FORGIVE ME!
DID YOU STUDY AT ALL FOR THIS!?
WHAT'S THIS!? IT'S WAY BELOW AVERAGE ...!


TO BECOME ONE, YOU NEED TO HAVE MANY GOOD LOVES...
AND YOU ALSO NEED A JOB THAT YOU ENJOY.
YUKA, I WANT YOU TO BECOME AN INDEPENDANT WOMAN...
I NEVER TOLD YOU THAT "LOVE IS ALL YOU NEED"!
PAPA, YOU ALWAYS TELL ME TO HAVE A GOOD LOVE LIFE, AND I PAID TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO THAT..


OF COURSE A PROFESSIONAL HOUSEWIFE IS A GOOD CHOICE, BUT IT CAN WAIT UNTIL YOU GET MARRIED
Just an example.
WHAT IF I WERE TO BE-COME A LOVING HOUSE-WIFE?
YOU DON'T NEED TO BE IN A HURRY TO CHOOSE A CAREER FOR YOURSELF, BUT YOU REALLY NEED TO STUDY HARDER AT SCHOOL RIGHT NOW!

SFX <SLAM!>
I HAVE TO GO MAKE A CALL, TA!
WELL, I..
This is just TOO bad
ARE YOU REALLY SURE? THIS
CLICK!
I UNDER-STAND! I'LL DO MY BEST ON THE FINAL EXAM!

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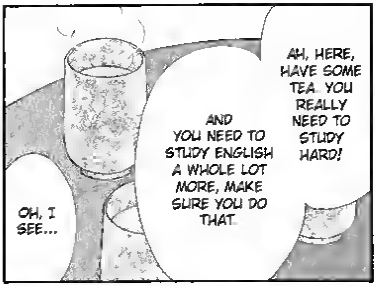
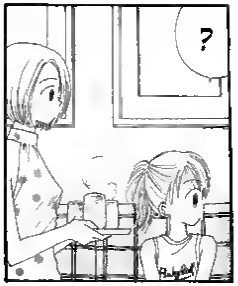

OH, I SEE...
AND YOU NEED TO STUDY ENGLISH A WHOLE LOT MORE, MAKE SURE YOU DO THAT.
AH, HERE, HAVE SOME TEA. YOU REALLY NEED TO STUDY HARD!



I THOUGHT YOU WERE AN ONLY CHILD, YUKA-CHAN?
YOU HAVE A BROTHER ..?
OR, WELL, MORE LIKE MY FORMER STEP-BROTHER.
HE'S MORE LIKE MY FORMER BROTHER.
...?
I TOLD YOU ABOUT SACHIE-MAMA BEFORE, MY PAPA'S SECOND WIFE.
THAT WAS SACHIE-MAMA'S SECOND MARRIAGE, AND SHE HAD A KID FROM THE LAST ONE.
AND THAT'S TOUWA
WE WERE SIBLINGS FOR ONLY ONE YEAR.
Short term siblings!
YOUR FAMILY IS A BIT COMPLI-CATED
IS THAT EVERY-THING?
SO DO YOU HAVE MORE BROTHERS AND SISTERS?
Hoh huh!
NOPE, THAT'S ALL.

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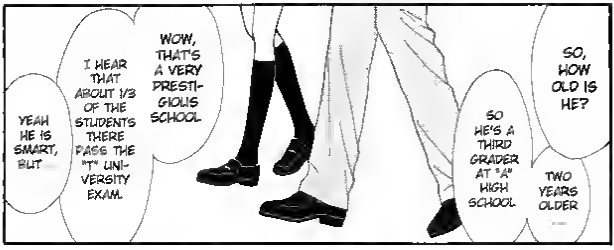
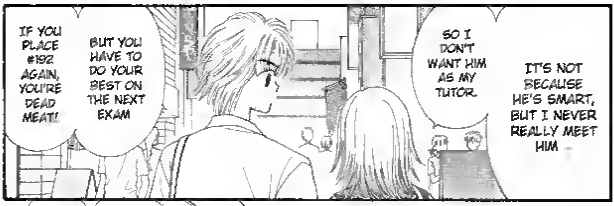

SO, HOW OLD IS HE?
TWO YEARS OLDER...
SO HE'S A THIRD GRADER AT "A" HIGH SCHOOL
WOW, THAT'S A VERY PRESTIGIOUS SCHOOL
I HEAR THAT ABOUT 1/3 OF THE STUDENTS THERE PASS THE "T" UNIVERSITY EXAM.
YEAH HE IS SMART, BUT...

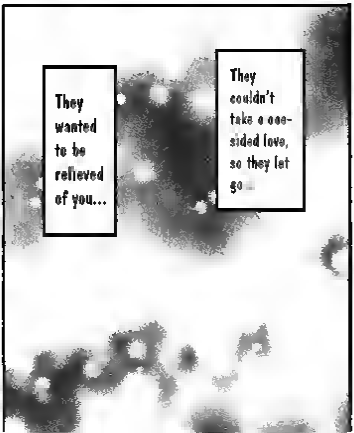

IT'S NOT BECAUSE HE'S SMART, BUT I NEVER REALLY MEET HIM...
SO I DON'T WANT HIM AS MY TUTOR.
BUT YOU HAVE TO DO YOUR BEST ON THE NEXT EXAM
IF YOU PLACE #192 AGAIN, YOU'RE DEAD MEAT!

SMILE
YEAH.
DO YOU LIKE ME A LOT?
OH? HOW MUCH, THEN?
HMM, LET'S SEE
I LIKE YOU MORE THAN THOSE OTHER THREE GIRLS!
HE ALWAYS COMPARES ME WITH SOMEONE ELSE I DON'T WANT HIM TO DO THAT, I WANT HIM TO SAY THAT HE LOVES ONLY ME
GAHK!
SMILE
SMILE
YEAH, SEE YA!
WELL, SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW.

NOT ONCE HAS HE LOOKED BACK AT ME.
AGAIN, I KNEW IT...

Hey, Nozomi kun...
The girls who broke up with you didn't do it because they hated you, but because they liked you a lot.
I figured something out just now...

Mm!
BUT I WILL NEVER GIVE UP!
GUTS

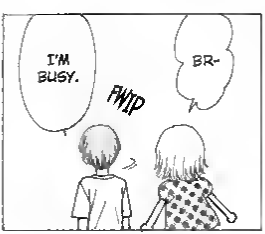

They wanted to be relieved of you...
They couldn't take a one-sided love, so they let go...

Next Wednesday...
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU TOUWA, YOU MUST BE BUSY SINCE YOU'RE TAKING THE ENTRANCE EXAMS
WELL, I'LL BE GOING, THEN
I'll leave her to you.
STUDY HARD NOW, YUKA!
IT'S OKAY.
I WAS LOOKING FOR A PART-TIME JOB.
SLAM!

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, RIGHT? HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?
AHH...
LET'S BEGIN, THEN.
GET YOUR ENGLISH TEXT-BOOK.
EH!?
WHAT?
AH, N-NEVER-MIND.
He wants to start studying?
Why doesn't he want to talk to me, anyway?
I mean, I'm his little sister, and we haven't met for a while.
He hasn't changed one bit...

AFTER ALL, I WAS AN ONLY CHILD, AND I TRIED TO GET ALONG WITH HIM ALL THE TIME.

BACK WHEN PAPA MOVED TOGETHER WITH SACHIE-MAMA, I WAS HAPPY TO HAVE AN OLDER BROTHER...



UP UNTIL THE END, I COULDN'T GET ALONG WITH HIM

I GOT ALONG JUST FINE WITH SACHIE-MAMA, BUT...

Now that I think about it, I might have been pestering him a bit too much back then...
But we might be able to get along better now...
Since we're both high-school students now.
HEY, BIG BRO!
I HAVE SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU!
LOOK AT ME FOR A BIT!
PEKO-CHAN IMITATION!
U-UM RE-RERE NO OJISAN IMITATION!

YOU'RE BETTER OF NOT SHOWING THOSE TO PEOPLE.
IT DOESN'T LOOK ALIKE AT ALL
AND IT WAS BORING
HE DOESN'T LIKE IT! HE MAY HATE IT!
.....
That was weird huh?
LET'S GO TO THE NEXT QUESTION, NOW.
I'M GETTING PISSED OFF! WE DON'T GET ALONG AT ALL!
OKAY! I'LL JUST HAVE TO STUDY HARD SO THAT I CAN KICK HIM OUT!

STOP
AH.
I FORGOT TO STOP BY THE BOOK-STORE
THUD!
SFX (FRASH)
ばさ!
AH, NO, IT WAS MY FAULT.
I STOPPED TOO SUD-DENLY
I-I'M SO SORRY ...!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
YOU'RE WELCOME.

NOW, WHAT ABOUT THE BOOK-STORE?
AH, IT'LL WORK OUT
I'LL JUST GO TO-MOR-ROW.
IS THIS HERS?

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AH I FIGURED YOU'D BE HERE!
AH!
FROM EARLIER
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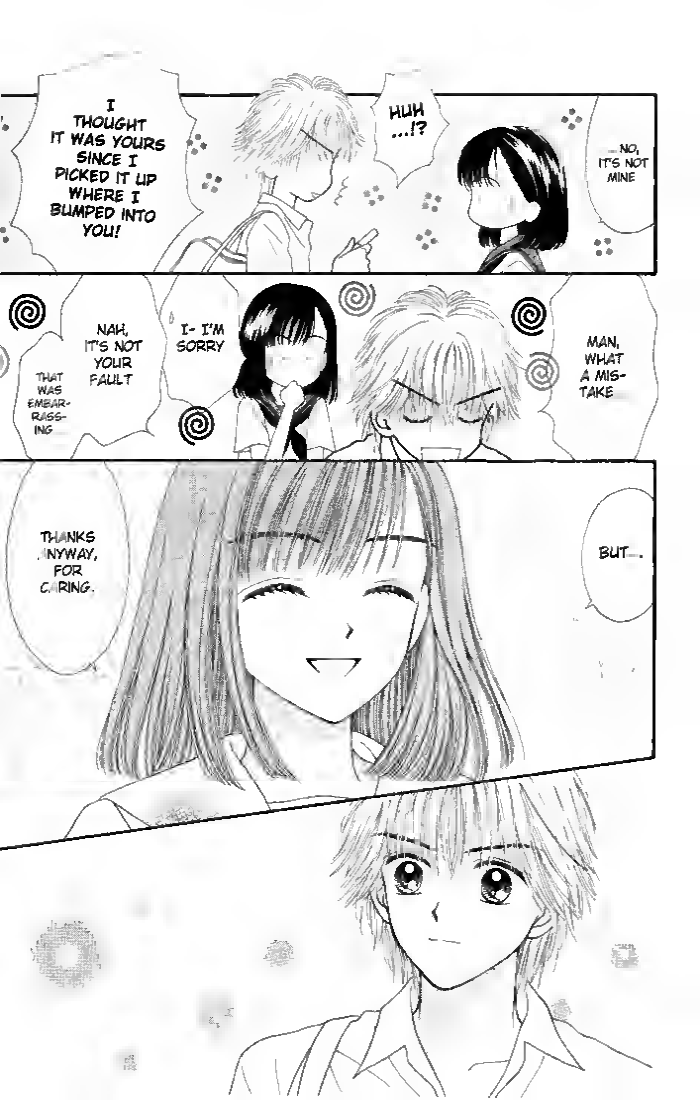
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE HERE SINCE YOU HAD A LIBRARY BOOK WITH YOU
A GOOD GUESS, HUH?
HERE!
Lip Cream
THIS IS YOURS, RIGHT?


I THOUGHT IT WAS YOURS SINCE I PICKED IT UP WHERE I BUMPED INTO YOU!
HUH ...!?
NO, IT'S NOT MINE
NAH, IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT
I- I'M SORRY
MAN, WHAT A MIS-TAKE
THAT WAS EMBAR-RASS-ING
THANKS ANYWAY, FOR CARING.
BUT...

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AH, THIS IS THE BOOK I WAS GOING TO BUY TODAY
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE IT OUT?
IT'S FREE, AND IT WON'T CLUTTER YOUR HOME, SINCE YOU CAN RETURN IT WHEN YOU'RE DONE WITH IT.
OH, WELL
I'LL TAKE YOUR ADVICE, THEN

FREE TALK 3

After writing the manuscript for chapter 2, I messed up my body slightly and ended up going to the hospital for the first time. (For 13 days!) It wasn't a serious illness. I'm all better now! A while after I started on the serial, I was about to ask if I could take a break for a while, but I thought it would be kind of uncool to stop working at the 3rd chapter. I'd penciled the intro page and written most of the dialogue, so I figured I could somehow finish it. I kept drawing without taking any breaks. However, just as I'd expected, my body's strength finally gave out, but I kept working. Fortunately, I ended up okay. Being hospitalized was pretty interesting. I drew the preliminary 1-color cut while I was in my hospital bed.

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YA-A-AY! ♡
I'LL BUY SOME FOR YOU.
DIG
LIP CREAM
YOU DON'T KNOW WHOSE IT IS? WHY DON'T YOU JUST THROW IT AWAY, THEN?
YEAH, OKAY.
It's not like anyone will go ask for it at a police station.
I FORGOT I STILL HAD IT.
NO, I FOUND IT SOMEWHERE.
HUH. LIP CREAM? YOURS, NOZOMU-KUN?

LIP CREAM
I'll go get the ice cream then!
...NO, IT'S NOT MINE.
BUT... THANKS ANYWAY, FOR CARING.
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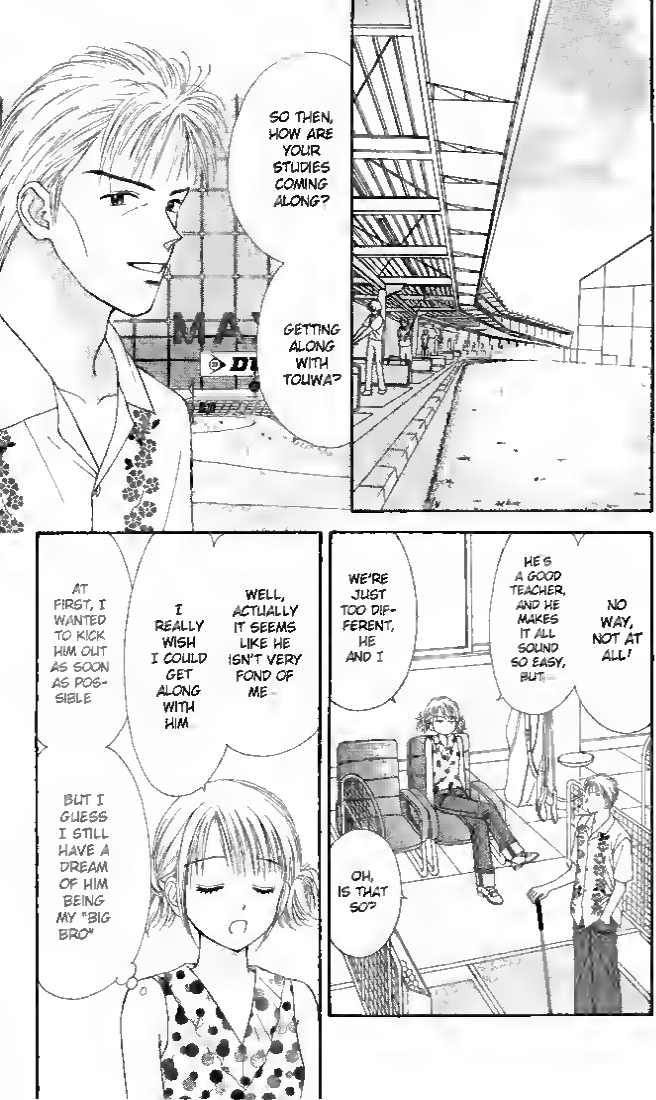
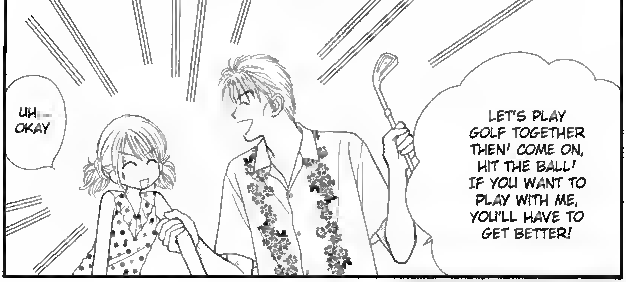

SO THEN, HOW ARE YOUR STUDIES COMING ALONG?
GETTING ALONG WITH TOWA?
AT FIRST, I WANTED TO KICK HIM OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
I REALLY WISH I COULD GET ALONG WITH HIM
WELL, ACTUALLY IT SEEMS LIKE HE ISN'T VERY FOND OF ME
BUT I GUESS I STILL HAVE A DREAM OF HIM BEING MY "BIG BRO"
WE'RE JUST TOO DIFFERENT, HE AND I
HE'S A GOOD TEACHER, AND HE MAKES IT ALL SOUND SO EASY, BUT...
NO WAY, NOT AT ALL!
OH, IS THAT SO?

WELL, TOUWA ISN'T THE TYPE TO GET CLOSE TO SOMEONE JUST LIKE THAT
N- NO, I REALLY DON'T THINK SO HE NEVER WANTED TO TAKE CARE OF ME BEFORE, AND HE ISN'T DOING IT NOW
I BET HE THINKS YOU'RE A CUTE YOUNGER SISTER
YOU THINK SO?
AND I KNOW THAT YOU SEE SACHIE SOME-TIMES
AH, THAT'S RIGHT.
I STILL THINK OF HIM AS A SON, YOU KNOW
HUH? I DIDN'T KNOW YOU KEPT IN SUCH CLOSE TOUCH WITH HIM
I had no idea
I SEE
SO THAT'S WHY YOU WANTED TO COME WITH ME TO THE GOLFING RANGE, HUH?
IN FACT, I ASKED HIM TO GO SHOPPING WITH ME AFTER SCHOOL, BUT HE DECLINED SAID HE HAD TO GO RETURN A BOOK
HE'S NOT VERY PASSION-ATE ABOUT ME
NOT TOO WELL
AH, WELL
BY THE WAY, HOW'S IT GOING WITH SHIKI'S SON?


UH— OKAY
LET'S PLAY GOLF TOGETHER THEN! COME ON, HIT THE BALL! IF YOU WANT TO PLAY WITH ME, YOU'LL HAVE TO GET BETTER!

AH!
HELLO!

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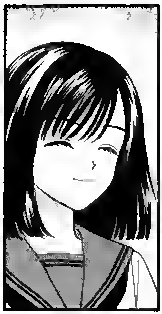

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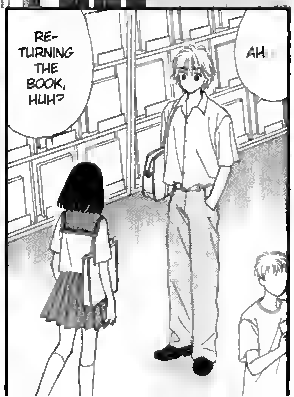
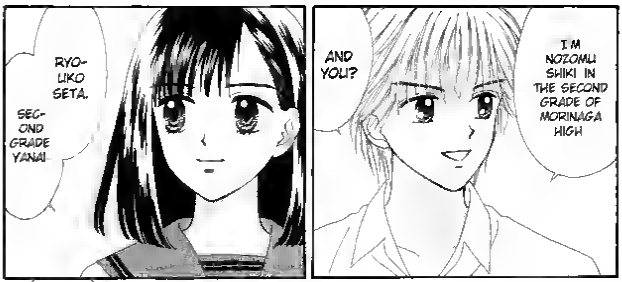
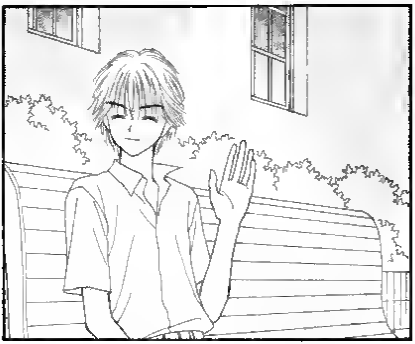

RE-TURNING THE BOOK, HUH?
AH.

I'M A BOOK-WORM
YEP, I COME HERE ON THURSDAYS TO RETURN THREE BOOKS AND THEN GET THREE MORE


RYO-LIKO SETA. SEC-OND GRADE YANAI
AND YOU?
I'M NOZOMU SHIKI IN THE SECOND GRADE OF MORINAGA HIGH

OH MY, LOOK AT THE TIME...
I HAVE TO GO TO MY PART-TIME JOB.
WOW! IT'S SO AMAZING HOW YOU CAN RE-MEMBER STUFF LIKE THAT!
I SAW THAT YOU HAD ONE OF HIS BOOKS WHEN I FIRST MET YOU.
RYOU-ICHIRO SHIKI, HUH?
HEY SHIKI-KUN YOU HAVE THE SAME LAST NAME AS ONE OF MY FAVORITE AUTHORS!
WELL MAYBE A BIT.

WELL, SEE YOU!



HUH?
YOU WANT TO CANCEL OUR DATE ON SATURDAY?
YES! I'M SO SORRY!
SATURDAY WE'RE PLANNING ON HAVING A JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL REUNION, AND EVERYONE IS BUSY EXCEPT THEN.
CAN WE CHANGE OUR DATE TO SUNDAY?
THAT'S OKAY.
AH, WHAT A RELIEF! THANK YOU!
So, where do you want to go on sunday?
There's this movie I want to see

SALE
PIZZERIA Chadwick & Sons
HIRO'S GIRL-FRIEND!?
AH, I KNOW YOU!
SHE'S A YEAR YOUNGER THAN THE REST OF US.
AH, HELLO ...
HEY, HIRO, WON'T YOU INTRODUCE YOUR GIRL-FRIEND TO US?
I WOULD, BUT I CAN'T, SINCE I DON'T HAVE ONE!
AHAHAHAH!
PUUU!!
HOW CU-U-LITE!

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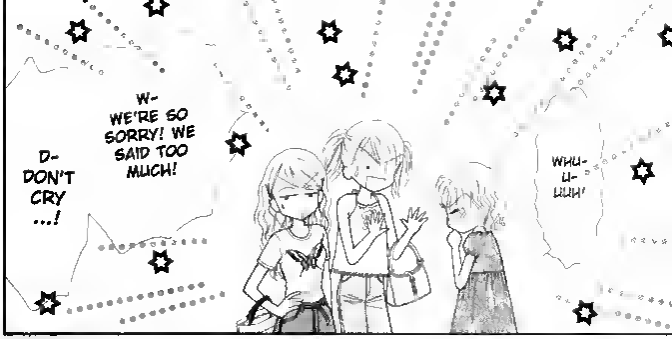
LADIES
OH! THIS ISN'T GOOD!
LOOKS LIKE MY LIPS ARE GETTING CHAPPED!
AH, TASTES LIKE VANILLA!
Delicious!
THANK YOU!
WANT SOME?
I'VE GOT LIP CREAM WITH ME
Nozomu-kun was acting a bit strange earlier...
Was he staring at that lip cream he found...
...That reminds me...

WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT, ANY-WAY?
OH YEAH, YUKA
UHM... HIRO?
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT HIM BRINGING HIS GIRL-FRIEND HERE?
HONESTLY, IT *PISSES ME OFF.*

I FEEL THAT WE CAN'T DISCUSS OLD TIMES WHEN ONE WHO WASN'T THERE IS HERE SO I MUST TAKE CARE OF HER!
AND AS A CLOSE FRIEND TO HIM WHO HAS SPENT A LOT OF TIME WITH HIM...
No, you don't have to do that...
WELL, IF I WERE HER, I PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE GONE TO SOMETHING LIKE THIS...
YEAH, AM I RIGHT OR WHAT?
WELL I THINK IT'S MOSTLY BECAUSE I'D FEEL LIKE... AN OUTSIDER, OR SOMETHING
WHY WOULD SHE COME HERE? I THINK SHE'S REALLY SELFISH!
"WHY WOULD YOU RATHER WANT TO SEE YOUR OLD FRIENDS AND NOT ME? YOU'RE MEAN! I WANT TO GO WITH YOU!", IS PROBABLY WHAT SHE SAID...
I BET SHE WANTED TO COME WITH HIM!
UH, WE DON'T KNOW THAT
TOUKO
NO WAY, SHE'S NOT WORTH IT.
DON'T YOU THINK THAT HE JUST WANTED TO INTRODUCE HER TO US?

OOPS.
B-
BUT ...
I COULDN'T SEE HIRO REGULARLY AFTER HE GRADUATED
AND JUST THE PHONE WASN'T ENOUGH ...
SNIFF!
SNIFF!
AND SINCE BOTH HIS FEMALE FRIENDS AND HIS MALE FRIENDS WOULD BE WITH HIM AT HIS NEW SCHOOL...
I GOT REALLY WORRIED ...!



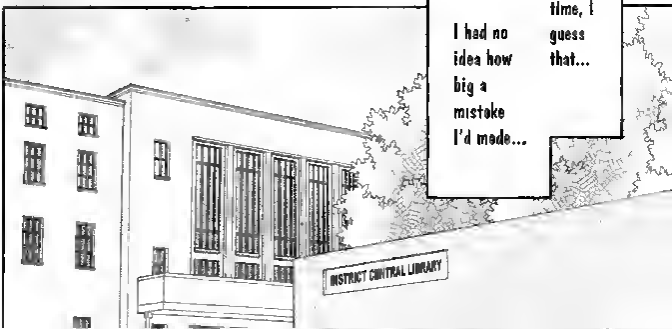
I really should've gone out with Nozomu instead of meeting with my old friends...

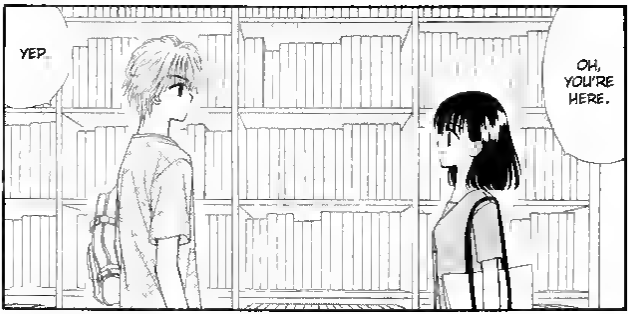
And the reunion turned out to be quite a disaster...

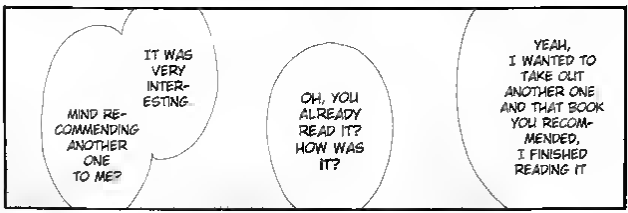
We had to spend quite some time talking to Hiro's girlfriend...

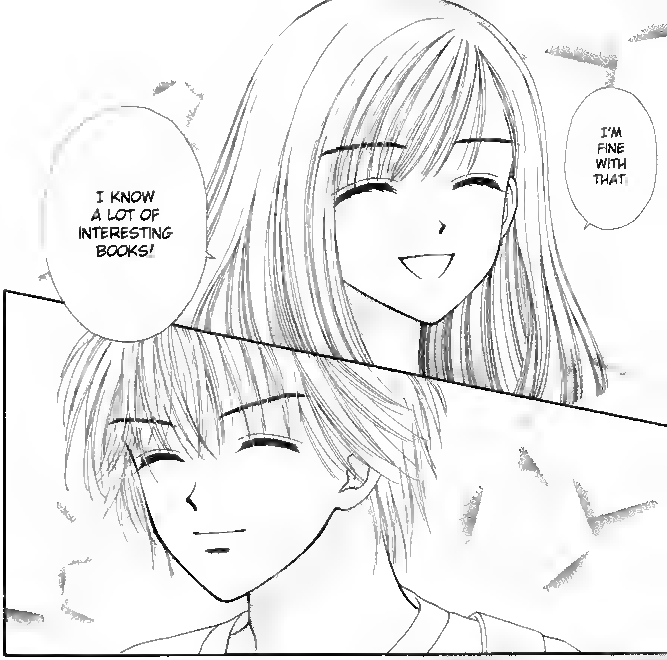
I had no idea how big a mistake I'd made...

At the time, I guess that...



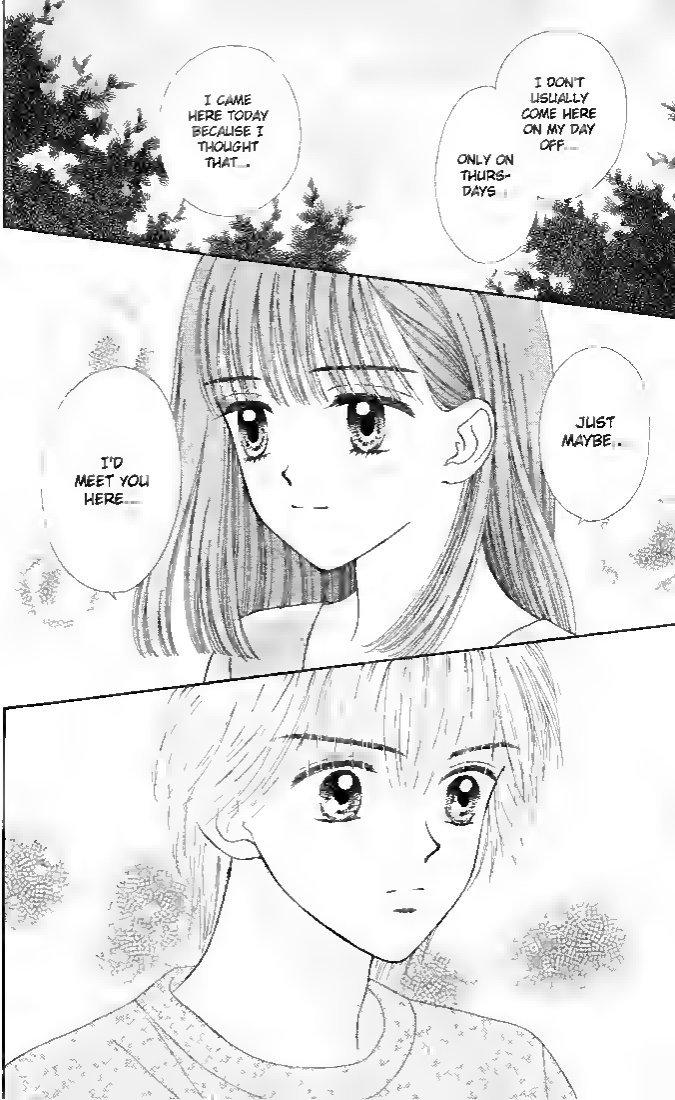

YEP.
OH, YOU'RE HERE.

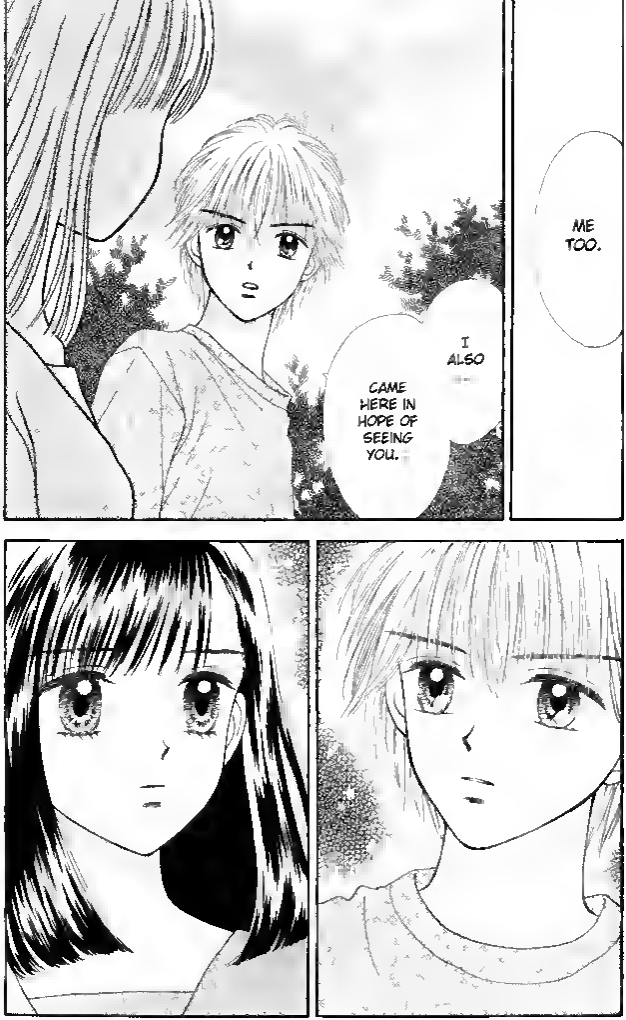

MIND RECOMMENDING ANOTHER ONE TO ME?
IT WAS VERY INTERESTING.
OH, YOU ALREADY READ IT? HOW WAS IT?
YEAH, I WANTED TO TAKE OUT ANOTHER ONE AND THAT BOOK YOU RECOMMENDED, I FINISHED READING IT

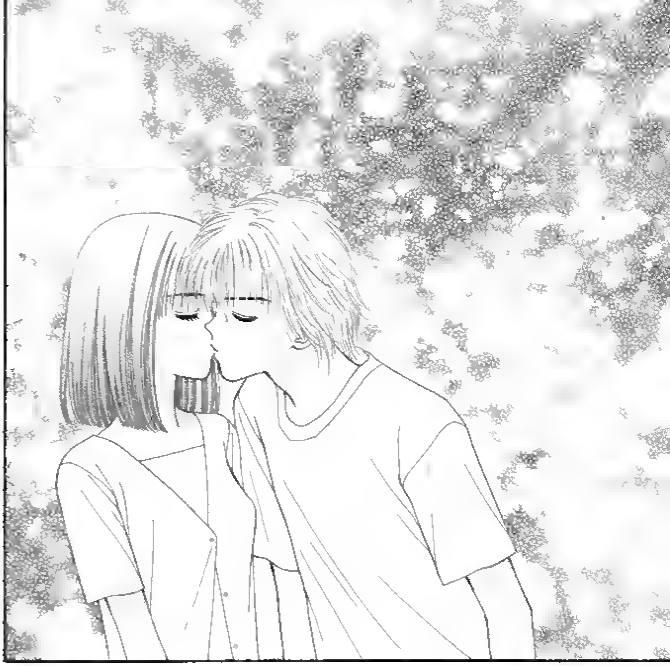

I'M FINE WITH THAT.
I KNOW A LOT OF INTERESTING BOOKS!

GOING TO YOUR PART-TIME JOB TODAY?
HOW MANY DAYS A WEEK DO YOU WORK?
SIX DAYS

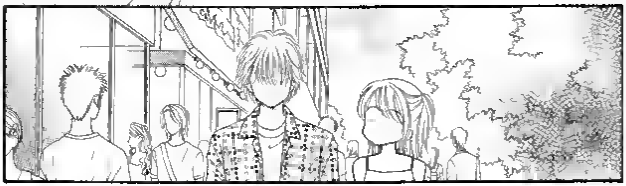
THAT'S MAINLY WHY I HAVE THIS PART-TIME JOB
MY FATHER GOT LAID OFF, AND HE CAN'T FIND A NEW JOB... SO I WANT TO HELP OUT AS MUCH AS I CAN BY MAKING SOME MONEY
YEAH, A BIT.
BUT I HAVE TO DO IT.
THAT'S ALMOST EVERY DAY! IT MUST BE TOUGH.
I CAN'T REALLY SPEND ANY OF THE MONEY ON FUN, SO BORROWING BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY IS PRETTY MUCH MY ONLY PLEASURE.
...
YOU MUST REALLY LIKE READING...
COMING TO THE LIBRARY ON YOUR DAY OFF AND ALL...

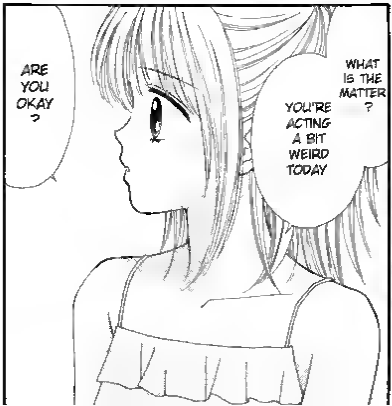

I CAME HERE TODAY BECAUSE I THOUGHT THAT...
I DON'T USUALLY COME HERE ON MY DAY OFF...
ONLY ON THURSDAYS
I'D MEET YOU HERE...
JUST MAYBE.

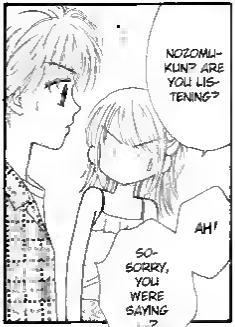

I ALSO CAME HERE IN HOPE OF SEEING YOU.
ME TOO.



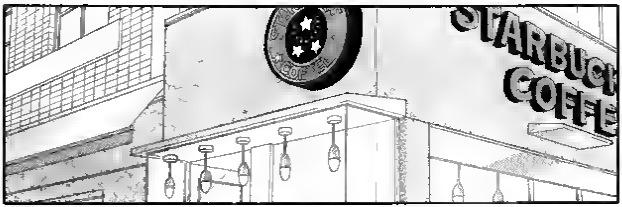
AND THEN ...
HIRO FINALLY LEFT THE PLACE WITH HIS GIRL-FRIEND BEFORE WE DID..
AND TOUKO, SHE WAS REALLY ANGRY..
DY LAND




ARE YOU OKAY ?
YOU'RE ACTING A BIT WEIRD TODAY
WHAT IS THE MATTER ?


NOZOMU-KUN? ARE YOU LIS-TENING?
AH!
SO-SORRY, YOU WERE SAYING ?

I'M GETTING A BIT THIRSTY
LET'S GO GET SOMETHING COLD TO DRINK
NAH, SORRY I'M FINE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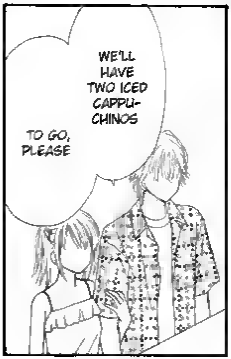
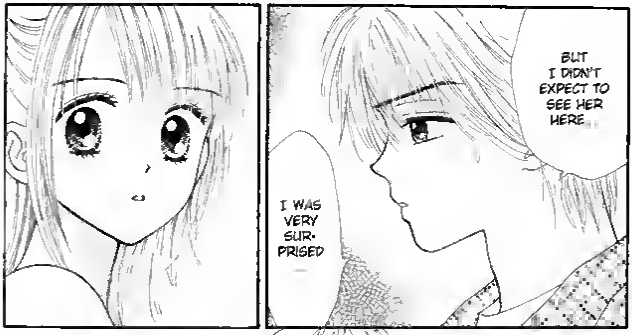
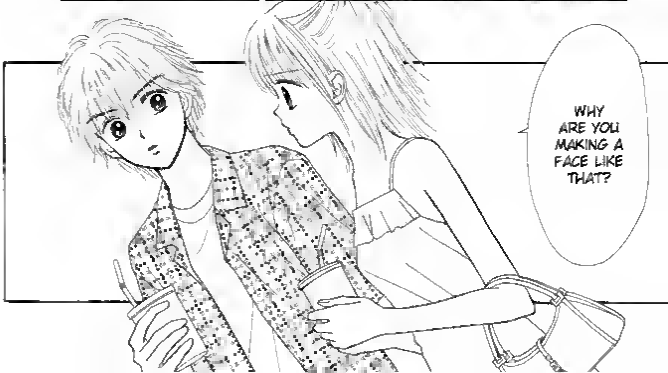

WE'LL HAVE TWO ICED CAPPUCHINOS TO GO, PLEASE

HMM, LET'S SEE ...
SO, WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I WANT CAPPUCHINO!

IS SHE YOUR FRIEND?
MM
I KNOW HER A BIT

HERE, THAT'LL BE 580 YEN
OH, SO THIS IS WHERE YOU WORK?
YEAH


I WAS VERY SUR-PRISED
BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE HER HERE


WHY ARE YOU MAKING A FACE LIKE THAT?

THAT GIRL, WHO IS SHE?
WHAT KIND OF FRIEND IS SHE ...?
NOZOMU-KUN...!?

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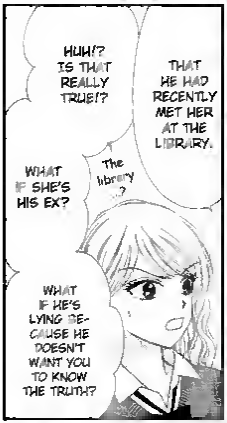
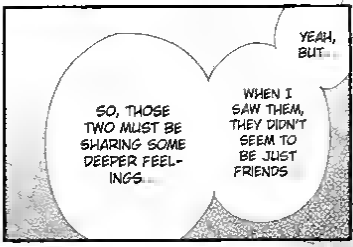

HUH!? IS THAT REALLY TRUE!?
THAT HE HAD RECENTLY MET HER AT THE LIBRARY.
The library...?
WHAT IF SHE'S HIS EX?
WHAT IF HE'S LYING BECAUSE HE DOESN'T WANT YOU TO KNOW THE TRUTH?



THAT GIRL...
SHE LIKES NOZOMU-KUN
AND NOZOMU-KUN MIGHT FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT HER.
EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T WANT TO ADMIT THAT...
AH, SO SHE'S A "SNEAKY ONE", HUH?
I'VE HEARD OF MANY GIRLS LIKE HER.
AND OF COURSE, GUYS LIKE WHEN GIRLS COME TO THEM LIKE THAT.
BUT DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!
YOU'LL BE OKAY! YOU'RE HIS "FULL-TIME GIRLFRIEND" NOW, AREN'T YOU?
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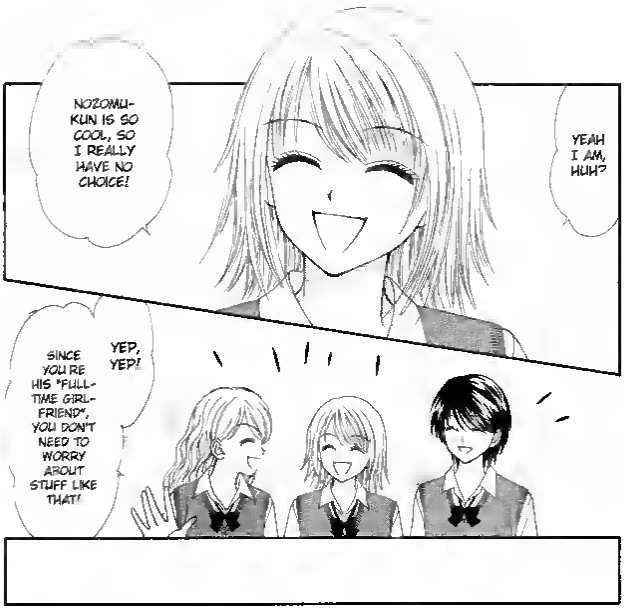
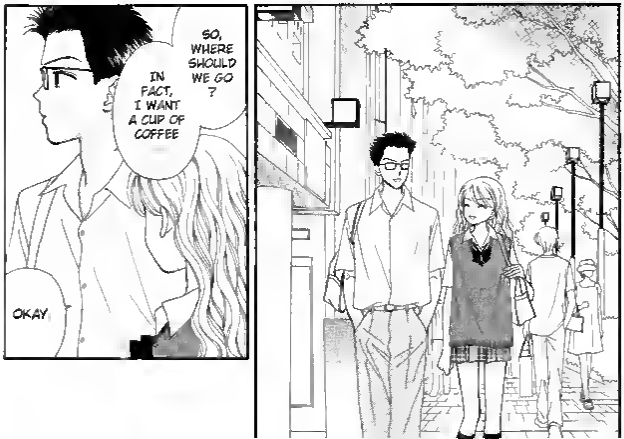

NOZOMU-KUN IS SO COOL, SO I REALLY HAVE NO CHOICE!
YEAH I AM, HUH?
YEP, YEP!
SINCE YOU'RE HIS "FULL-TIME GIRL-FRIEND", YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT STUFF LIKE THAT!


SO, WHERE SHOULD WE GO?
IN FACT, I WANT A CUP OF COFFEE
OKAY

STARBUG
COFFEE
AHH WAIT A SEC!
I KNOW A GREAT COFFEE SHOP WE CAN GO TO...
AND IT'S PRETTY CLOSE BY, TOO
EX-CUSE ME...
YES?
NO-ZOMI SHIKI FROM MORI-NAGA
DO YOU KNOW HIM?

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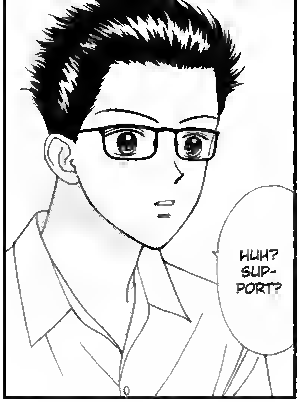
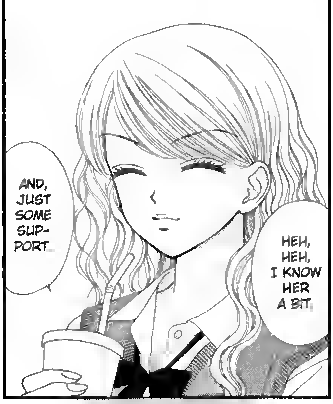
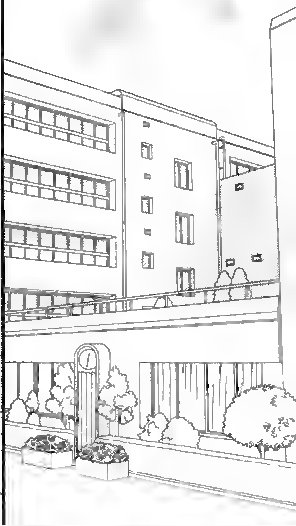
YOU KNOW...
YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T GO AFTER NOZOMU-KUN...
HE'S ALREADY GOT A GIRL-FRIEND
YES...
AH, IT IS YOU WHAT A RELIEF
I ONLY KNEW THAT YOUR HAIR WAS STRAIGHT AND SEMI-LONG
BOTH NOZOMU-KUN'S DAD AND HER DAD ARE FAMOUS WRITERS
THAT'S WHY THE TWO OF THEM GET ALONG SO GREAT
THEY CAME HERE YESTER-DAY
YEP, THAT'S HER!
I KNOW THAT NOW...

AND SINCE THEIR FATHERS ARE GOOD FRIENDS
THEY'RE PRETTY MUCH FIANCÉES ALREADY
THIS MIGHT SOUND BAD BUT...
WON'T YOU JUST GIVE HIM UP?
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!
DO YOU KNOW HER?
WHAT DID YOU TALK ABOUT?


HUH? SUP-PORT?


AND, JUST SOME SUP-PORT...
HEH, HEH, I KNOW HER A BIT.



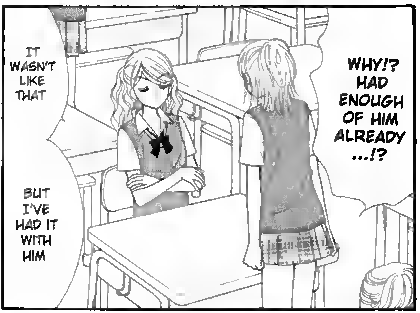
COME ON ONE MORE
NAH, NOT NOW. SOMEONE MIGHT COME
LATER, OKAY?
HIS SOFT KISS...
NOT MISSING, THEY'RE RIGHT HERE...
HIS GENTLE HANDS...

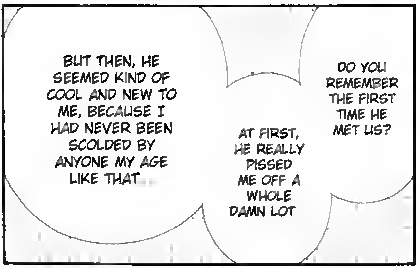
OH YEAH, DID YOU HEAR ABOUT TSUKASA AND TOUKO-CHAN?
HUH?
IT SEEMS LIKE THEY BROKE UP

WHA-A-AT!?

BUT...
BUT IT FEELS LIKE HE'S JUST SLIPPING AWAY FROM ME...
WHAT SHOULD I DO!?
WILL I REALLY BE ALL RIGHT!?

WE BROKE UP, YES...
SIGH


IT WASN'T LIKE THAT
BUT I'VE HAD IT WITH HIM
WHY!? HAD ENOUGH OF HIM ALREADY ...!?

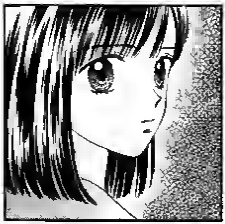

BUT THEN, HE SEEMED KIND OF COOL AND NEW TO ME, BECAUSE I HAD NEVER BEEN SCOLDED BY ANYONE MY AGE LIKE THAT...
AT FIRST, HE REALLY PISSED ME OFF A WHOLE DAMN LOT
DO YOU REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME HE MET US?

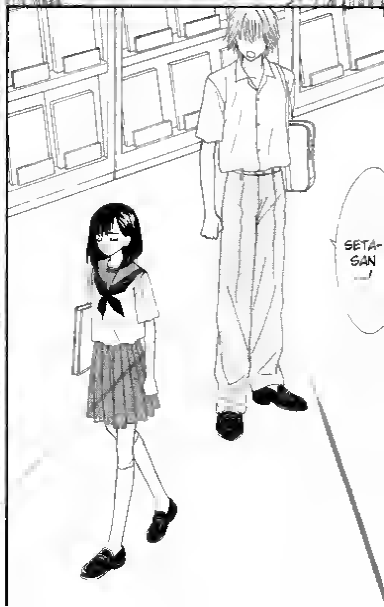
SHRI-I-IEK!
BUT I REACHED MY LIMIT! HE KEPT NAGGING AND NAGGING AND IT ANNOYED ME!
SO, WHAT'D YOU DO FOR HIM TO SCOLD YOU THIS TIME?
.....
WHY WOULD YOU TELL HER SOME-THING LIKE THAT!?
MUH!
THAT'S NO EXCUSE! YOU SHOULDN'T DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT UNLESS SOMEONE ASKS YOU TO, AND EVEN THEN...!
WELL, BECAUSE I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YUKA.
EY

SO, WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THAT YOU'RE ON NOZOMU-KUN'S SIDE, HUH?
THEN WHAT ABOUT YUKA? SHOULD WE JUST FORGET HER!?
THAT'S NOT EVEN THE POINT HERE!
I'M SAYING IT'S THEIR BUSINESS, AND YOU SHOULDN'T INTERFERE LIKE THAT!
YOU'RE PISSING ME OFF!
I'VE HAD IT! I'M GONNA BREAK UP WITH YOU!
WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS LIKE THIS ...!?
AHH, FINE!
SFX. <MUMBLE MUMBLE.>
むかむかむか〜
SO, ANYWAY. I WAS FED UP WITH HIS CRAP.
I WANT TO GO OUT WITH SOMEONE WHO CAN MAKE ME HAPPY!

I WAS HOPING WE COULD GO ON A DOUBLE DATE..
AHH... SIGH
POUT
I feel like I'm just losing him more and more...
DISTRICT CENTRAL LIBRARY

I WAS WAITING FOR YOU
I WANT TO GIVE YOU SOME-THING

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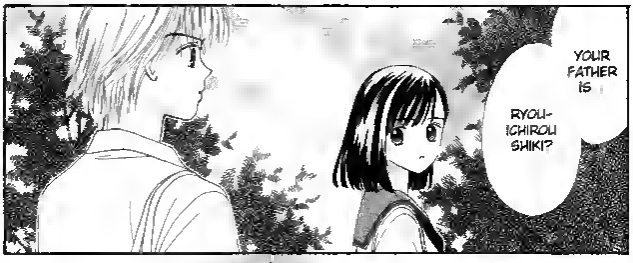
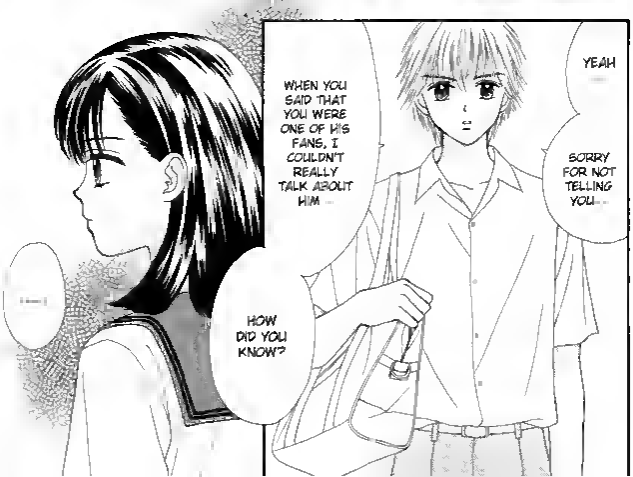

YOUR FATHER IS
RYOU-ICHIROU SHIKI?


YEAH
SORRY FOR NOT TELLING YOU...
WHEN YOU SAID THAT YOU WERE ONE OF HIS FANS, I COULDN'T REALLY TALK ABOUT HIM...
HOW DID YOU KNOW?

YOU HAD SOMETHING FOR ME?
AH, YES
HERE
I REMEMBER YOU WANTING TO READ IT, BUT THE LIBRARY DIDN'T HAVE IT...
I FOUND IT BY CHANCE AT THE BOOKSTORE.
YOU CAN HAVE IT.
BUT THIS BOOK IS OUT OF PRINT! IT MUST HAVE COST A FORTUNE!
I REALLY CAN'T ACCEPT THIS GIFT!
I JUST CAN'T!
WELL, IT'S FINE BY ME IF YOU BORROW IT, THEN...
I'D ALSO LIKE TO READ IT, AND...
IT'S FINE!
I DON'T NEED IT!

YOU SHOULD GIVE A PRESENT TO YOUR CUTE GIRL-FRIEND INSTEAD
WHY ARE YOU INTER-ESTED IN ME!? YOU ALREADY HAVE A CUTE GIRLFRIEND ANYWAY!
WHY DID YOU...
DO THAT TO ME ?

FREE TALK 4

The title, "Random Walk"?, you say? Well, it's a name I picked because at first I just thought that it sounded like a nice name, but then I figured that I could make the story take some turns in seemingly random directions, like "someone just walking the way that feels right at the moment." For those of you who don't get it, don't worry about it, it's not that well thought out anyway!

Nice to meet you!

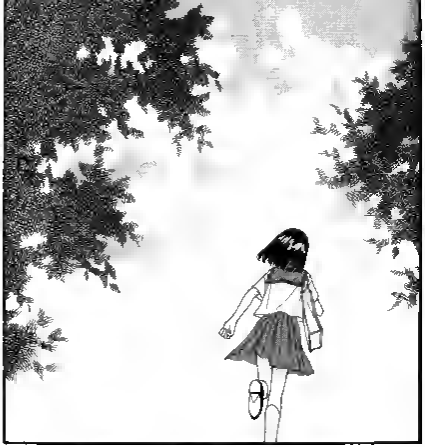
☆ Fun Facts ☆

While drawing pages 114 to 141, I constantly broke my pencils and eventually had to buy a whole pack of new ones! ♡

YOU'RE A SPOILED BOY.
THANKS TO YOUR PARENTS, YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD MONEY
SO, YOU COULD GO BUY AN EXPENSIVE OUT-OF-PRINT BOOK WITHOUT HESITATION
YOU LIVE IN A DIFFERENT WORLD THAN ME!
YOU'RE ONLY INTERESTED IN ME BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY TO SPEND AND GOING TO THE LIBRARY IS MY ONLY HOBBY! ANYTHING WOULD ENTERTAIN ME, HUH!?
IS IT MY FAULT THAT MY FATHER IS RICH ...!?

I CAN ADMIT THAT I'M A SELFISH GUY
BUT...
IF YOU'RE REALLY THAT DISAPPOINTED IN ME, THEN WHY ARE YOU HERE?
IT'S THE DAY I COME HERE
THE TIME I'M USUALLY HERE
YOU KNEW THAT I WAS COMING TODAY, SO WHY DID YOU...
JEEZ, I WON'T COME HERE EVER AGAIN, THEN!

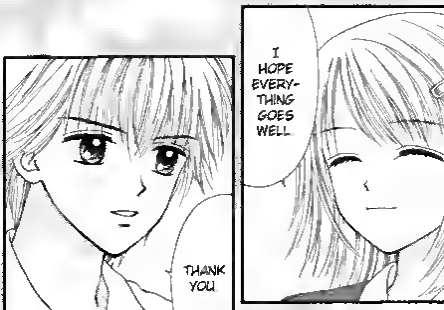
AND I WILL NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN
GOOD BYE!!

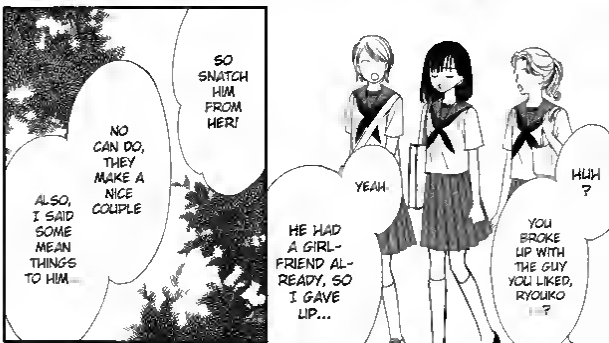


YUKA-CHAN...
I HAVE SOME-THING TO TELL YOU...
YEAH.
I'M SO SORRY
I FELL IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE ELSE

THIS FEELING WE SHARE IS INDEED VERY ENJOYABLE ...
I LIKE IT A WHOLE LOT.
MMM.
THE LIBRARY GIRL?
BUT MAYBE ...
IT JUST ISN'T TRUE LOVE
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT FOR A FEW DAYS ...
I DIDN'T WANT TO HURT YOU, I WANTED TO CARE ABOUT YOU ...
BUT... I JUST COULDN'T DO IT...
YEAH ...
I KIND OF THOUGHT SO ...
NOT POSSIBLE, IS IT?

I'M TRULY SORRY ABOUT THIS!
I UNDER-STAND
IT'S OKAY
I CAN'T REALLY DO MUCH ABOUT IT...
I CAN DEAL WITH HIM
BE-CAUSE HE REALLY LIKES ME!
BUT YOUR FATHER WILL BE UPSET WITH YOU!
AND SHE TOLD ME SHE'D NEVER SEE ME AGAIN...
DID YOU TELL HER HOW YOU FEEL?
YEAH, BUT WE HAD A FIGHT
I'M GOING TO GO APOLOGIZE AND TRY TO WORK IT OUT!

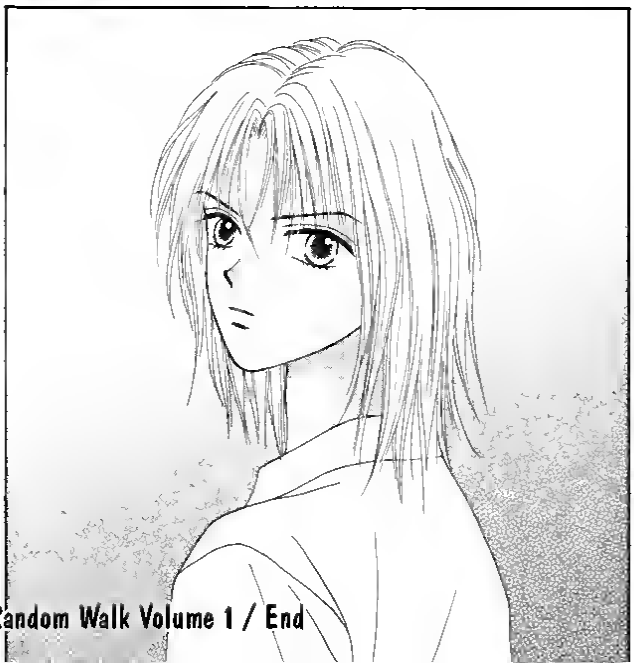

I HOPE EVERY-THING GOES WELL
THANK YOU


SO SNATCH HIM FROM HER!
NO CAN DO, THEY MAKE A NICE COUPLE
ALSO, I SAID SOME MEAN THINGS TO HIM...
YEAH.
HE HAD A GIRL-FRIEND AL-READY, SO I GAVE UP...
HUH ?
YOU BROKE UP WITH THE GUY YOU LIKED, RYOUKO ...?

HE MUST HATE ME NOW...
TO BE HONEST, I FELT THAT
HE PROBABLY WASN'T FOOLING AROUND WITH ME.
I THINK THAT HE HAD FEELINGS FOR ME AS WELL.

YOU'VE FINALLY FOUND YOUR TRUE LOVE ..
NOZOMU-KUN
AND IT'S REALLY EVEN MORE WONDERFUL TO FALL IN LOVE...
IT'S REALLY A WONDERFUL FEELING TO LIKE SOMEONE...
WHAT A RELIEF, HUH?
I wish that I had been the one you fell in love with ...
BUT...
I'M GOIN' HOME

THE DAMAGE WASN'T TOO BIG...
BECAUSE AFTER ALL, I HAD A FEELING THIS WOULD HAPPEN...
AND WE DIDN'T GO OUT FOR TOO LONG EITHER...
YEAH, I'LL BE OKAY
HOW WEIRD.
I'M JUST FINE, BUT...
SOME-THING'S WRONG WITH MY EYES...



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